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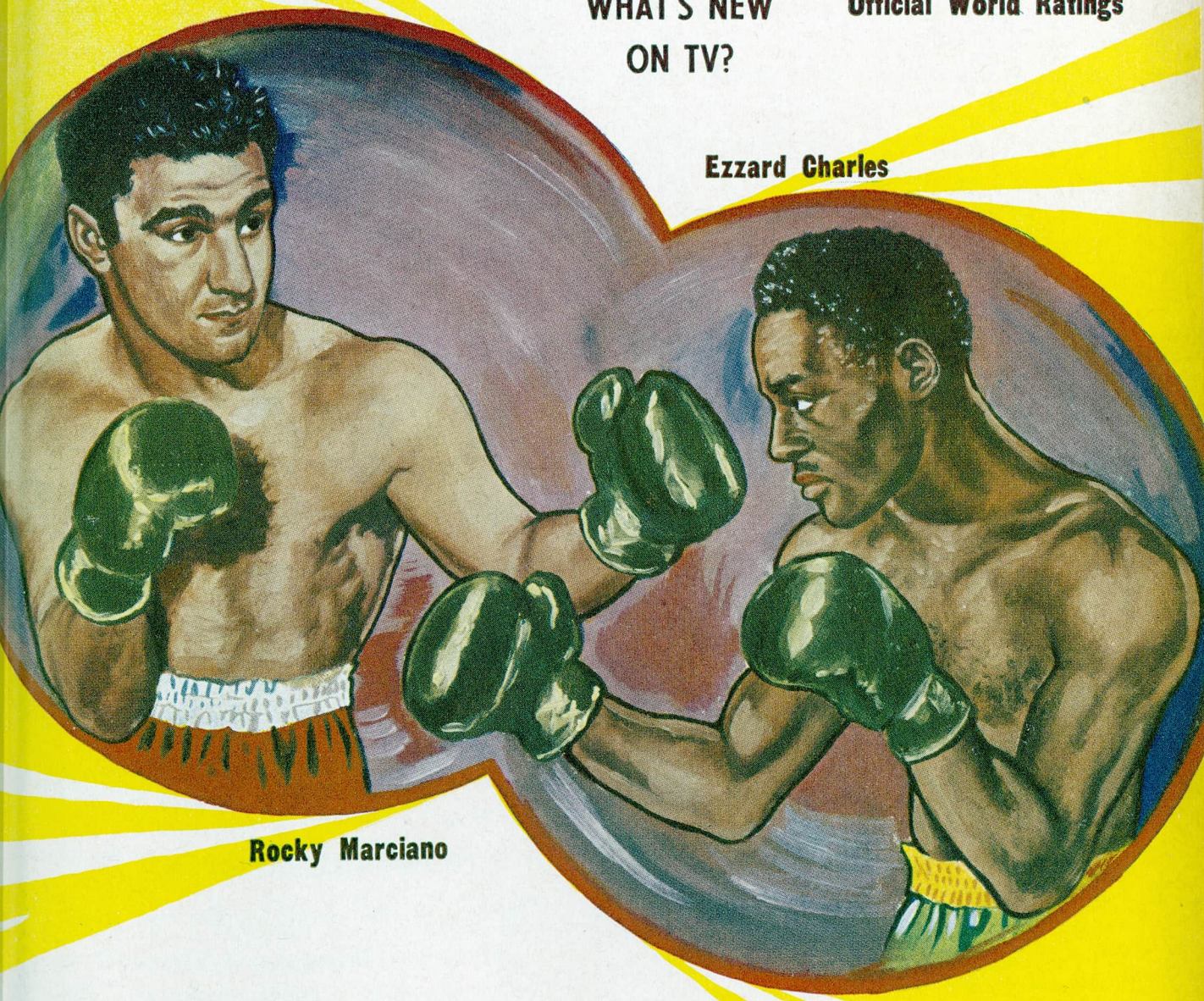

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A Champion Retires

Bantam King Jimmy Carruthers Quits Ring to Enter Hotel Business

HE may not go down in boxing history as the greatest champion the bantamweight division ever has produced, but Jimmy Carruthers, who has just announced his retirement, authored some remarkable chapters during his brief but spectacular career as boss of the ring's 118-pounders.

The first Australian ever to win undisputed recognition as a world champion, Carruthers, in successive defenses of his laurels—against Vic Toweel in Johannesburg, Henry (Pappy) Gault in Sydney, and Chamrern Songkitrat in Bangkok—strutted his stuff before a total of approximately 120,000 witnesses, an all-time high in attendance for bantam scuffling.

Jimmy, of course, was aided considerably by a series of unusual contributing factors.

First, there was the return match with Toweel. Vic had been South Africa's first world champion, and, as such, a tremendous attraction with the sports-loving populace there. Attendances ranging from 15,000 to 26,000 had been the usual thing when Toweel fought. And Vic had been a real champion, too, taking on any and all challengers as fast as they hove into view. After beating the American veteran, Manuel Ortiz, for the title, Toweel had successfully repulsed the advances of Danny O'Sullivan of England, Luis Romero of Spain and Peter Keenan of Scotland.

Then along came Carruthers to take the championship with a stunning one-round knockout.

South Africans couldn't believe what had happened. Their great, their invincible Vic Toweel knocked out—and in one round! Incredible! Fantastic! It couldn't have been anything but an accident. Get that Carruthers back into the ring with Toweel again. Vic will show him who's boss.

So the encore was arranged, and drew the biggest crowd in the Union's boxing history. The turnout was nearly 29,000.

Again Carruthers won by a knockout, but this time he needed ten rounds to dispose of Toweel.

His home land became all agog and aghast over the young man who had finally brought a world title to Australia, after the island continent's many years of bitter disappointment and frustration.

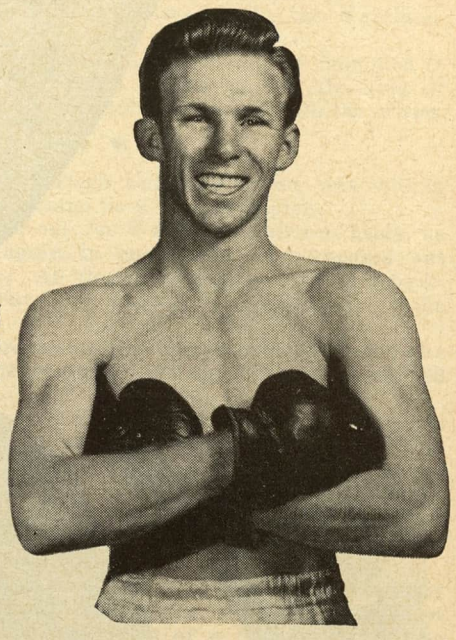
Quick to cash in on the excitement, Carruthers' board of directors—Dr. John McGirr and Billy McConnell—arranged to have Jimmy defend his laurels in Sydney. To supply the always desirable "international touch", an American, Pappy Gault, was imported for the role of challenger.

It was the first world championship bout held in Australia in 45 years—since those two "outsiders," American Jack Johnson and Canadian Tommy Burns, battled it out for the heavyweight title in 1908.

With the police of New South Wales promoting the show, Carruthers and Gault attracted an estimated 35,000 to the Sydney Sports Ground. It was the largest crowd in Australia's long boxing history.

Carruthers was an easy winner in fifteen rounds.

Meanwhile, another sensational development was taking place in Thailand (Siam.) "Western boxing," as it was called—to distinguish it from the native style, which permitted kicking and elbowing as well as punching—had taken a tremendous hold on the populace. A young police lieutenant, Chamrern Songkitrat, had become a national idol. After beating the best of his Oriental rivals from Japan and the Philippines, Songkitrat had whipped such importations as Vic Herman and Jimmy Pearce of England and Kevin James of Australia. When he trounced Pappy Gault, who had gone the distance with Carruthers, a clamor immediately went up for Chamrern to be given a crack at the Australian's laurels.



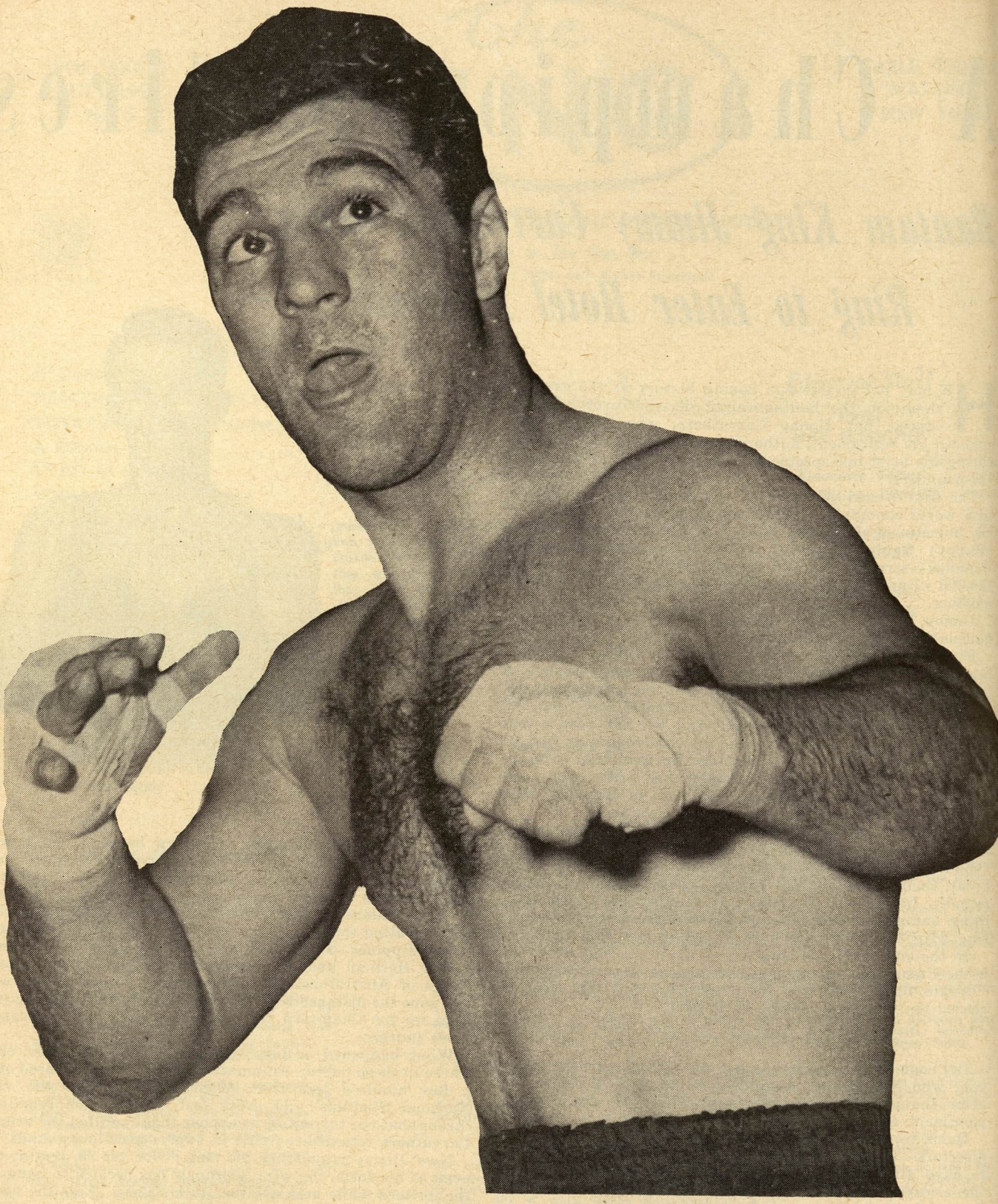
Jimmy Carruthers, Australia's first and only world boxing champion, has quit the ring while still tops in the bantamweight class.

What happened is duly reported by Nat Fleischer elsewhere in these pages. An amazing crowd that numbered only a few hundred less than 60,000 jammed into the vast National Stadium—and every last one of them remained throughout the torrential downpour that engulfed the arena! Carruthers retained his title in twelve gruelling rounds.

Now Jimmy is quitting the ring. Not yet 25, and at the peak of his form, the wiry southpaw has decided to hang up the mittens while he's still tops in his class. Less the usual deductions for manager and trainer, as well as taxes, Carruthers estimates he has cleared about $68,000 for himself out of his ring earnings. He's quite satisfied with that. He plans to go into the hotel business.

Carruthers fought professionally less than four years, forsaking the amateurs in August, 1950. He was unbeaten in 19 starts, winning 11 by knockouts. He became Australian champion in his ninth outing, whipping Elley Bennett in a 15-rounder in Sydney. It was in his fifteenth bout that he wrested the world laurels from Toweel in Johannesburg.

Boxing loses a fine little fighter and a real champion in Jimmy Carruthers' retirement.



Heavyweight Interest Suffers

Rocky Marciano a Champion Who Has Yet to Make the Grade with Ring Experts.

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

SINCE Rocky Marciano last defended his heavyweight championship of the world, against Roland La Starza on the night of September 24, 1953, a peculiar situation has developed, peculiar but understandable.

Interest in the heavyweight situation has receded, and fan concern over the lesser divisions increased tremendously. This situation has not been confined to the United States.

Nat Fleischer, editor and publisher of The Ring Magazine, who is flying around the world, sends word that he has found a strange lack of high enthusiasm about the heavyweight champion, and growing interest in Bobo Olson and Kid Gavilan, in the lightweights, welters and even bantams.

The drop in interest in Marciano traces to his lack of action. This conceivably is not the fault of the champion. His field is limited, the number of likely matches confined to so few.

Then, too, Marciano's activities are circumscribed by matters having to do with Federal taxes.

When Joe Louis was the king, he fought as often as he could get a match, and let the taxes take care of themselves. He felt that the best way to be the champion was to keep fighting, and to let financial matters rest in the hands of his tax advisors.

In any event, Marciano is the type of heavyweight who should keep right on fighting, both for his own good, and the welfare of his title.

Yet, the boxing public has become more critical than it used to be, and will not shell out for matches which lack competitive appeal.

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Now we have the Marciano fight with Ezzard Charles, to rekindle interest in Rocky and his division, and take the spotlight off Olson.

After Marciano and Charles had been matched, many interesting things began to happen in other directions in the heavyweight division.

For one, there was the renaissance of England's Don Cockell, who was supposed to be inferior to La Starza, but who beat the American in London.

This was a serious blow to La Starza, and took some of the lustre off Marciano's eleven round knockout of the Bronx heavy.

In this country, there was the meteoric rise of Tommy Jackson, who stopped Dan Bucceroni in six heats. Dan had been talked about as a possible opponent for Marciano.

Riding high, eyed as a possible contender for the title, Jackson was whipped, decisively, by Jimmy Slade, the No. 3 ranking light heavyweight.

What with Charley Norkus's repeat victory over Danny Nardico, the heavyweight situation certainly sizzled. But not in the championship bracket, where Marciano again was taking a long layoff.

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Perhaps there is a disposition on the part of the experts, and the public, as well, to expect the heavyweight champion to fight too often. Could be Louis spoiled them.

Looking back into the past, we find that Jack Dempsey, for one, after his title victory over Jess Willard at Toledo on July 4, 1919, did little fighting in 1920, and had only one match, with Georges Carpentier, in 1921. In 1922, Jack spent the year exhibiting.

Jim Jeffries certainly was a sufficiently durable and rugged champion. And there surely were enough heavies in his heyday. Yet, after he had beaten Bob Fitzsimmons for the title on June 9, 1899, Jeff scarcely got himself into a heavy lather with action.

He met Tom Sharkey the following November, and did not fight again until May 11, 1900, when he stopped the aged Jim Corbett in the twenty third round. Jeff's April 6 engagement with Jack Finnegan that year hardly rated being entered in the champion's record.

From May 11, 1900 until his two round knockout of Jack Munroe on August 26, 1904, Jeffries had only three championship fights, with Gus Ruhlin, Fitzsimmons and Corbett.

Now let us take a look at Fitz's record. He took the crown from Corbett at Carson City on March 17, 1897, and did not fight again until his June 1899 defeat by Jeffries at Coney Island.

There are many other evidences in the Ring Record Book, of championship lethargy in the heavyweight class. So it seems that scarcely any onus attaches to the Marciano-Weill programme.

The Marciano match with Charles found the champion in a somewhat peculiar position. Here he was the king of boxing. Yet he had yet to establish himself with the critics.

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The general public, which worships power, was willing enough to accept Marciano as a real champion.

Rocky had knocked out Joe Walcott in thirteen heats, he had stopped him again in one round, and knocked out La Starza in eleven. All this as champion, against a backdrop of one knockout after another on his way up to the title.

The marked difference between the attitude of the experts and that of the fans was noted the night Marciano stopped La Starza.

The men in the press rows had spent the eleven rounds guffawing at the champion, and deriding his efforts at boxing. Rocky was stale, he was very much off his timing. But he was deadly when he landed.

Going out of the Polo Grounds with the crowd, the writer heard nothing but praise for Marciano. He heard nothing but admiration for the fight.

The customers liked what they had seen. They seemingly preferred the ups and downs of the nearly 33 minutes of fighting to that stark perfection of a heyday Louis, who might have belted La Starza out of the ring in three rounds. The fans had got action for their money, they had seen a knockout, and they liked Rocky.

The marked difference in attitudes toward Marciano is not exactly without precedent. But it presents a problem for Rocky if he is to go on fighting, and appealing to the customers to swell the box office. The experts carry weight.

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There are many circumstances in Marciano's favor. He is well behaved. His family life is spotless, ideal. He has many friends. The very experts who refuse to accept him as a real boxer and well rounded title holder are his ardent friends, and enthusiastic admirers in things apart from ring techniques.

Charles, as winner of the title from Louis, had his troubles on all fronts. He failed to put himself over as a ringster, and he lacked that dynamic power to attract the fans.

As Marciano went into the fight with Charles, the International Boxing Club was hard put to dig up something for the future.

Cockell's victory over La Starza lifted Don into title consideration, in England if not in the United States.

However, it appeared most unlikely that Marciano would fight Cockell. Jack Solomons, London promoter, was adamant against sending Cockell back to the United States, and Al Weill was determined not to ship Rocky to England.

Solomons had some tax involvements to consider, as well as the possibility that Cockell would not fare well against Marciano here, or for that matter, over there, either.

Mike Jacobs found it possible to sell Tommy Farr to American fans, and the British champion surprised everybody with his fifteen round stand against Louis in 1937.

It might be feasible to build up interest in a Marciano-Cockell fight in the United States, even though Cockell hardly looked like a buzz saw in his victory over Harry

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Title Battle in TYPHOON

By NAT FLEISCHER

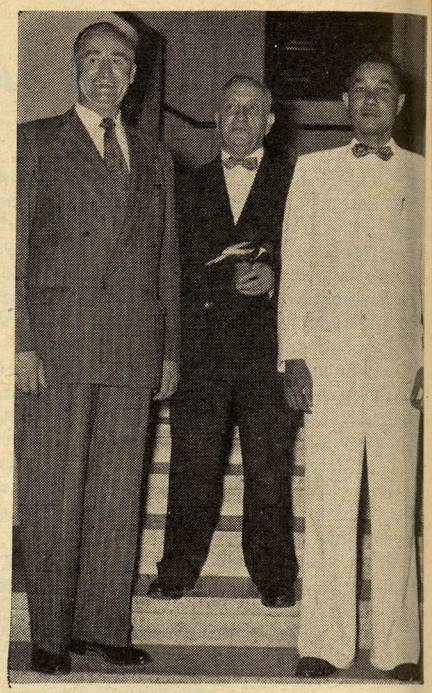
IN a scene unparalled in the history of the bantamweight division, a scene that rivaled that in the Dempsey-Tunney fight in Philadelphia, before a gathering of 59,760 persons who paid 5,000,700 ticals, totaling $227,-304.90 in U. S. currency, in an arena especially built for the occasion, Jimmy Carruthers of Australia defeated Chamrern Songkitrat, by a hair-line margin in defense of the Australian's crown. The bout, unlike championship matches staged in our country or in Europe, was scheduled for twelve rounds, the only distance Jimmy would agree upon.

Fortunate for Carruthers that the fight was not a fifteen rounder, as otherwise, in my opinion, he would have been shorn of his title. Bleeding badly from a deep cut above the right eye and tiring perceptibly, Jimmy used up all his energy in the final session to pull the chestnuts out of the fire while his opponent, almost as fresh and strong as when he started, could have gone on for several more rounds without tiring. Carruthers was a lucky boy to hold on to his title.

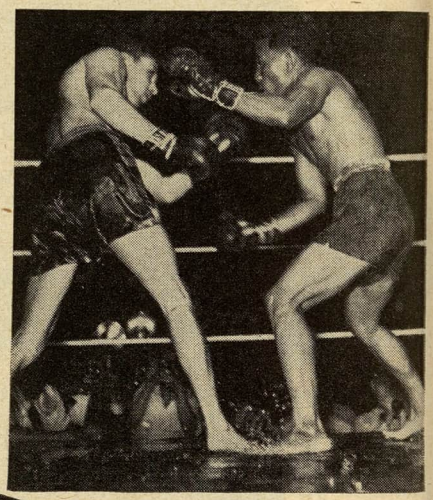
Although Referee Bill Henneberry, imported from Down Under, gave the verdict to the champion by a margin of 31 1-2 points to 27 1-2, I figured the fight much closer. Scoring the New York system, I had Carruthers ahead by one round and one point, and in the Australian system, used by the only official in the fight, I gave the decision to Jimmy by 31 to 29 points. The fight definitely was that close. In fact the majority of the spectators and many scribes had the local champion ahead at the end of the fight.

Carruthers' jabbing won the fight for him. In hitting, especially body punching, he was outscored by Chamrern.

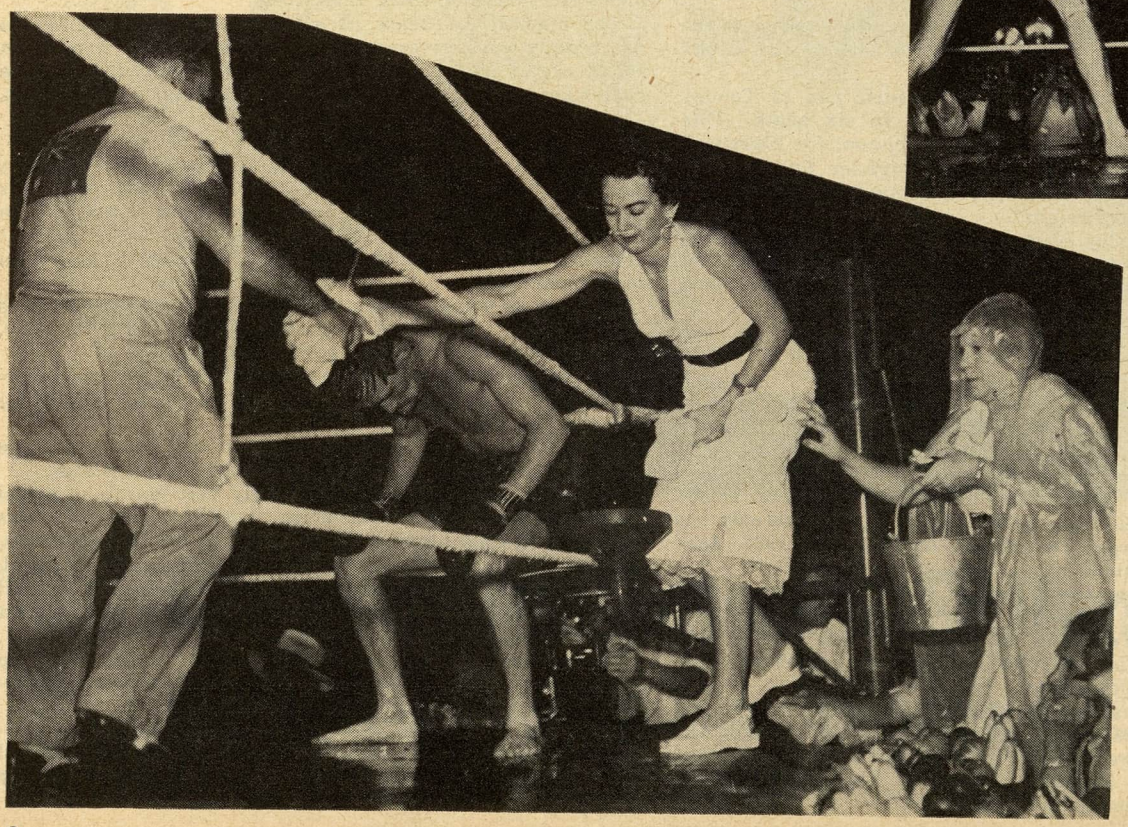
THOSE who witnessed the Tunney-Dempsey ten round title bout in Philadelphia, can imagine what was encountered here by picturing a terrific tropical storm that started hours before the fight, increased in intensity as the bout progressed, drenched the spectators and made a lake out of the ring. Bulbs from the overhead lighting system crashed to the canvas every now and then forcing temporary halts while the broom brigade rushed



Fleischer Gets the Bird. Nat Fleischer (center), holding a rare bird which was presented to him, is flanked by (left) Referee Delaney, of Sydney, and General Pichai, following the weigh-in.



The final round of a nip-and-tuck battle in which Carruthers retained his world bantamweight title.



All Wet. The fight, scheduled for only twelve rounds, was fought during a tropical storm. Here Carruthers is dried off between rounds by trainer Bill McConnell and seconds, Mrs. Carruthers and Mrs. McConnell (right).

into the ring to sweep it clear since the fighters, by agreement, were permitted to fight in their bare feet due to the slippery conditions. Carruthers stepped on some glass in the eleventh round and cut his foot.

Carruthers, with the height and reach in his favor, figured to have an advantage, but with equal weights at 117¼ pounds, and the conditions more suitable for Chamrern, who is accustomed to bare feet fighting, Jimmy found himself at a disadvantage. Once, in attempting to toss his right for the jaw as Chamrern stepped out of range, Carruthers hit the canvas with a thud and a splash, face down, spun back, cracked his chin against the floor and his mouth bled from then on. Several times he lost his balance and almost went down, and in the second round, Songkitrat slipped and landed on his back.

But, despite the conditions, the fight was well fought with plenty of action by both lads who put a splendid performance considering the torrent. Carruthers and his mentor, Dr. McGirr, thought that the champ had won easily and that if the weather had been favorable, he would have scored a knockout, but I didn't agree. He didn't show as much punching power as did his rival. The Australian pair the morning after the fight announced that they were satisfied that had they not imported their own referee, the championship would have changed hands, but that statement carried no weight with me since I found the Siamese most fair in their treatment.

The fight warrants a repeat, especially in view of the throng that packed the new National Stadium, and the thousands who clamored unsuccessfully for admission. Bangkok is definitely the place for the return engagement for which a contract was signed in my presence, with me a witness, but if it takes place, according to Brig. General Pichai Kullavanijya, who arranged the title match, he will ask the World Championship Committee to appoint a neutral referee to avoid any squawks. It is certain that Dr. McGirr will oppose such a move.

Regarding the next move of the champion, Dr. McGirr stated that he prefers to have Robert Cohen of France get the next shot at the title, but insists that the Frenchman must accept terms offered by the champ. He asked me to present the champion's challenge to the French contender at the European Boxing Union Convention at Monte Carlo. He is willing to have Jack Solomons act as a partner in staging the bout.

Discussing Carruthers' future, Dr. McGirr said: "I know that Solomons has something to say in Cohen's promotions. We offered to have Jimmy fight the Frenchman but he seems to think he, not my Jimmy, is the champion. He wants even more than Jimmy can get out of the fight. If he turns down my offer now, I shall shunt him to the sidelines and give Songkitrat the next championship match."

However, since then Carruthers, who has had difficulty making weight has officially made known his retirement as undefeated world bantamweight champion.

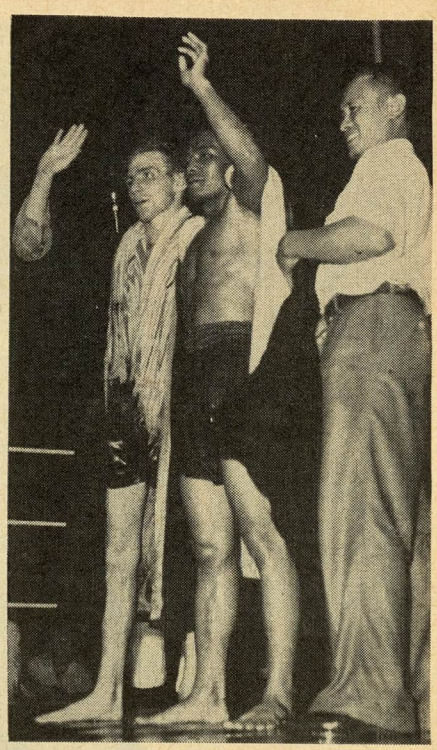
DESPITE his hairline defeat by Carruthers, Songkitrat definitely continues to fit into the championship picture. He earned the right to another shot at the crown and remains the Number Two contender, the post he occupied before the fight here.

Carruthers received 175,000 Australian Pounds tax free, round trip tickets for himself and wife, his trainer and his manager, and all expenses for the entire outfit.

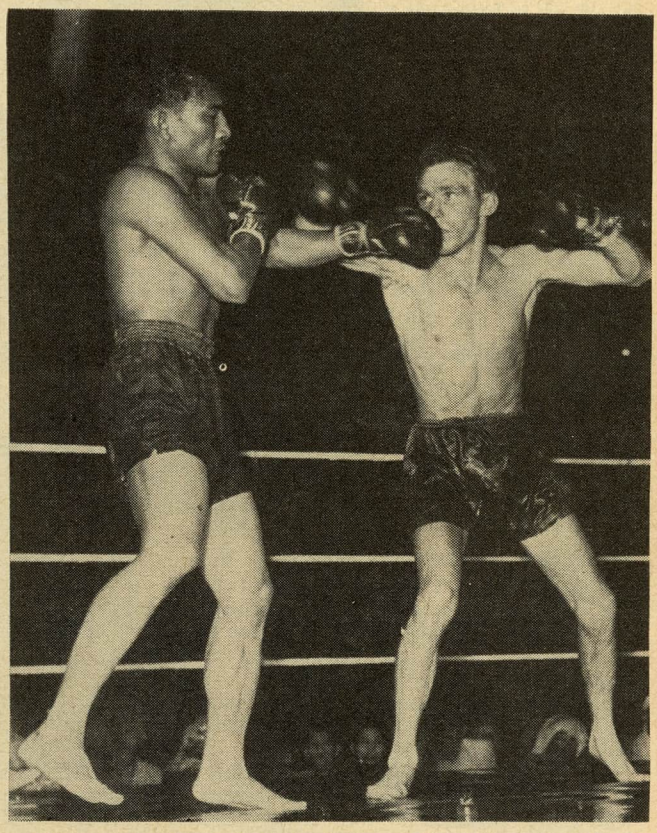
The Bangkok fight in more than one way established a record. It was the first championship bout, or for that matter any other important contest in which women seconded the title holder. Mrs. Myra Carruthers and Mrs. McConnell, wife of the trainer of Carruthers, took their place as aides to Bill during the entire contest.

Dressed in specially made white garments draped with Australian flags, they worked as would our Whitey Bimstein or the Florio brothers when handling the corner of a champion or challenger. Within a few minutes after entering the ring and discarding their huge Siamese umbrellas, the women were drenched by the continuous cloudbursts but they were game to the core and stuck to their task to the end.

Add to the above the record attendance for a bantam championship match and that for the first time in ring history champion and challenger fought in their bare feet,



Jimmy Carruthers (right) retained his title by a hairline margin before a crowd of 59,760 who paid a record $227,000. Using the New York scoring system, Nat Fleischer had the Australian ahead by one round and one point.



Chamrern Songkitrat (left) lands a smashing left to Carruthers' jaw in the eleventh round. The fighters performed barefooted to insure a safer footing in the slippery, rain-swept ring.

and you have something by which to remember the Bangkok affair.

For a city that had never seen a championship bout before, and where Thai or foot and hand fighting, of which I shall write in the next issue, is the national pastime, Bangkok's Police Department which staged the bout for the Police Hospital Fund under the direction of General Pichai, as he is commonly known, did itself proud. Except for the storm and the thousands who had to be turned away due to the

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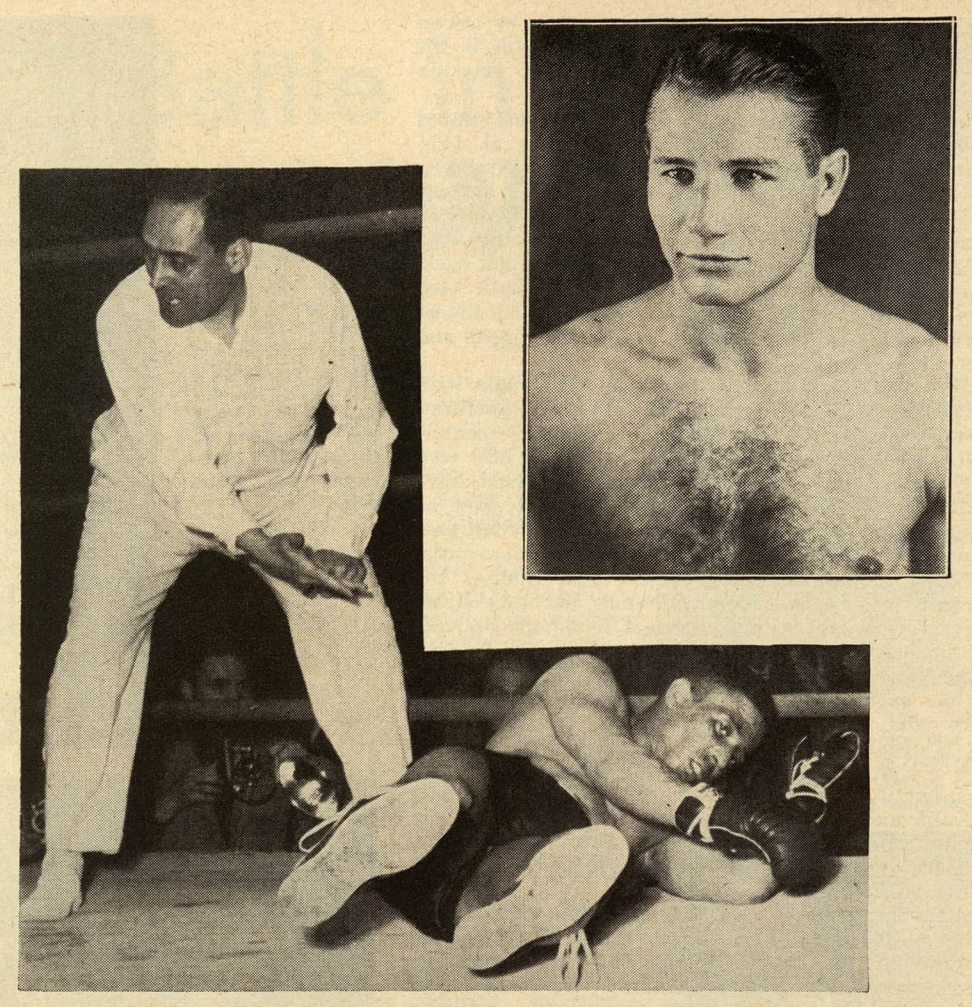


(Insert above) Tiberio Mitri, Italian middleweight who has come to the fore once again on the heels of his stirring 28 second knockout of Randy Turpin for the European middleweight title. (Lower frame) Turpin, ex-middleweight champ of the world, has just received a left hook and right cross and is on queer street. Referee stopped the contest.

A Roman Holiday

TIBERIO MITRI was sitting in the middle of the room in the publicity headquarters of the International Boxing Club in Madison Square Garden. Photographers and members of the Fourth Estate were at work. Flashlights blooped and sharp lead swords were at work.

A handsome youngster of 24, Mitri had more than his broken mixture of Italian and English speech and Latin warmth working for him.

A few feet away stood "Miss Italy" of 1948. The reporters were torn between this beauty and Tiberio. One asked the Tiger from the vicinity of the Tiber about his coming bout with Dick Wagner, a good trial horse light heavyweight. Another scribe pointed his thrust at Mitri's lifetime sparring partner.

"How did you two get together?" he asked.

Mitri cut in across the room, "We were on vacation in a village and decided to vacation together for the life."

He turned to the first writer: "The coming fight," he said it slowly, having trouble with his English, "I am thrilled by fighting in this . . . how you say it . . . Garden . . . and I try . . . very hard not to let all down."

Someone asked how long they had been married?

"Four month . . . some . . . few hours?" answer Mitri.

One of the boys wanted to know if it was too late to kiss the bride?

It was at this point that Mitri's American manager, Saverio Turiello, a good fighter in his own right back in the '30s, suggested that it would be well for all to call it a day.

There was nothing to do now for the wearer of the Red, White and Green but fight Wagner.

That he did, winning in unanimous fashion, the writer tabbing him ahead on a nine rounds to one score.

The bubble that was running its course was riding high. Ringside experts predicted a bright future for the lad who showed superb boxing form and only seemed to lack a punch.

He was not sorry that he had come to America in his search for fame and fortune.

Then came his big chance. Rocky Graziano was scheduled to fight Jake LaMotta for the middleweight crown of the world but dropped out, giving Mitri an inside track.

To accept the fight he was faced with a decision. He held the European middleweight crown that had to be defended or given up. To stay in the U. S. meant that he would have no time to get back to Europe to fight before the time limit ran out.

What to do?

When faced with the decision before the men of the press he smiled bashfully: "I came to U. S. to fight for crown of world so here I fight."

This was all back in 1950. For fifteen strenuous rounds

Mitri took the pummeling that only LaMotta at his best could dish out. It was only in the late rounds that the Italian contender was able to do any effective boxing against the "Bronx Bull" who had crowded him from bell to bell.

When the unanimous decision was rendered against Mitri all agreed that he lacked the experience and with seasoning might again threaten the wearer of the middleweight crown.

No one doubted his courage or ability to take it. For fifteen rounds he had proven his right to the Tiger's heart although his offensive weapons had been so blighted that he could no longer be called the "Tiger."

A very discouraged young man sailed back to Italy.

That fall he started his comeback and disappointed by losing to an average fighter, Claude Ritter, in Paris. Then came a few unimpressive bouts. Wins over Gaston Chambraud, Gus Degouve, Jackie Marr, and Gilbert Stock built him up to a shot with Livio Minelli.

The fight, fought in Milan, ended in a draw and Mitri's colors were waving no higher nor no lower.

He was given another chance to prove himself. Charley Humez, contender for welterweight honors, had given up his claim to that title and was fighting his first bout as a middleweight.

The match was fought in Paris and Mitri lost, showing very little of the form that had made him a strong contender for world middleweight honors. The Italian not merely was beaten by Humez, but knocked down several times during the bout.

And so the long path into oblivion. True, the lad from Trieste won most of his fights but they were over mediocre opposition and most of the experts had him tabbed as a lad who would do all right with the rank-and-file, but would never come back as a major operator.

Time passed and it was 1954. Randy Turpin, ex-middleweight champion of the world and England's outstanding pugilist, holder of the European middleweight crown, was looking for opponents to fatten up his comeback trail.

Someone thought of Mitri. He didn't have a punch, did he? Would give Randy a good work out and his boxing ability had not been on exhibit against top notchers. Sure Mitri was their man.

No one took much note of the Italian training at Santa Marinella near Rome.

Then came the big night. Turpin and Mitri faced each other over laced gloves. Twenty-eight seconds later than the opening bell, a left hook and right cross, left Turpin being led back to his corner, a dazed defeated fighter.

Mitri, lacking even the sweat of having been in a contest, had demonstrated a punch. He also, for the second time in his life, held the European middleweight title.

It is true that Turpin had for some time been the subject of his own countrymen's criticism regarding his methods of training and some few even went so far as to say that he was over the hill.

Certainly he was not at his peak form against Mitri but regardless of how far Turpin may have gone back only the future will show how much Mitri may have learned in his four years of campaigning since he was last on show in the United States.

He may fight Johnny Sullivan and have another fight or two early this summer in Europe. Should he continue to demonstrate his new found ability he will undoubtedly be in line for another shot at the middleweight championship now held by Carl (Bobo) Olson.

After the fight the sunburned Mitri was pinned down by the boxing writers. The blonde-haired, 27-year old victor was once again news.

He was asked about fighting for the world title.

He stated that he couldn't wait to get back to the U. S. and a chance at Olson's crown.

To what did he attribute his amazing win?

Not so amazing to Mitri. "Remember what I said before the fight. I knew Turpin's record and that I was going to put on the pace. I was not going to box him. I also knew I had found how to punch hard so as to make it possible to exchange blows with Turpin."

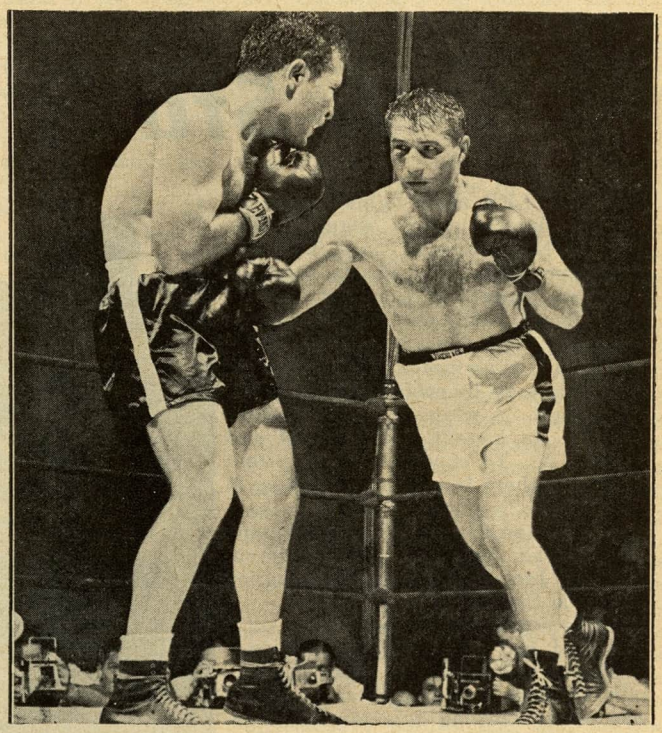
Was anything responsible for his good fortune?

"I put in five miles of roadwork every day before breakfast, then after I eat, a shower and more exercises followed by long, hard work outs. No taking it easy as I did when making movies," stated Mitri, who doubles as a cinema actor when not fighting. If his screen ability is as good as his recent ring performance—move over Gregory Peck.

And so the talk around Madison Square Garden is that if the Italian, with only three losses in 74 fights, gets over his next few bouts he may once again find himself being interviewed in the publicity office of the International Boxing Club.

The New York scribes have waited a long time to kiss the bride.

Mrs. Tiberio Mitri, "Miss Italy of 1948", as she looked at the ringside of the Mitri-LaMotta fight. She's yelling encouragement at her spouse. It did no good as Mitri lost.



Mitri (right) moves in to attack Jake LaMotta in a later round of their fifteen round bout for the middleweight title. Unfortunately Mitri had lost too many of the early rounds and with them any chance at winning the title.

Packey McFarland, all-time great from the Chicago stockyards, who learned early in his career that it was foolish for a fighter to take unnecessary punishment. A tough, willing slugger at the start, Packey concentrated on boxing and with his natural speed he became one of the ring's most dazzling lightweights.

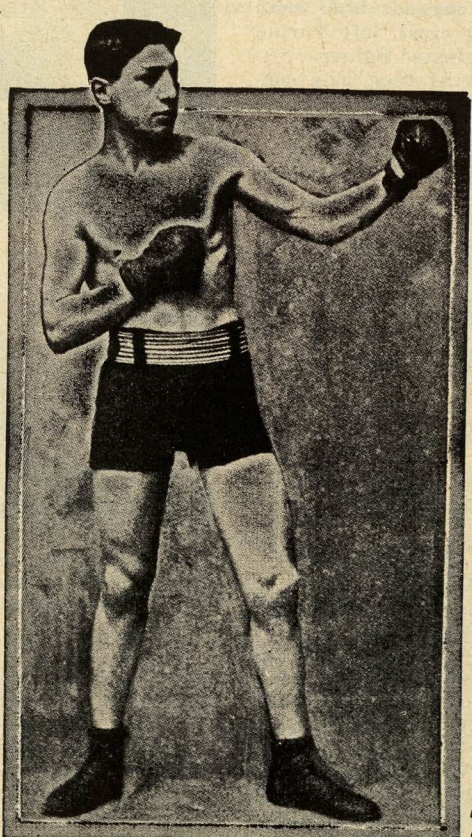
By
JERSEY JONES

A Study in Styles

"STYLES make fights" is an old slogan in this rugged trade. Not always, of course, but often enough you'll find that what is supposed to be an "upset" in the ring actually isn't. The favorite may lose because he lacks the right answers to his opponent's particular *modus operandi*, or his own style may be custom-made for the other guy's. A whips B, and B trounces C, only to have C turn around and lambast A. To experienced, competent observers, there is nothing surprising in any of the results. Tommy Jackson butchers Dan Bucceroni; then Jimmy Slade, who has lost to Bucceroni trounces Jackson—and the explanation simply is Styles.

There never is a bona-fide guarantee how good, bad or indifferent any fighter will be on a given date or against a certain opponent, nor is there any sure-fire way of determining in advance how exciting, or boring, any bout will be. Two light-hitting boxers, expected to give a clever but uneventful exhibition, may uncover a brawling Donnybrook, while a pair of aggressive sluggers, tabbed for a riotous sockfest, may end up in a dreary, tugging-and-hauling episode.

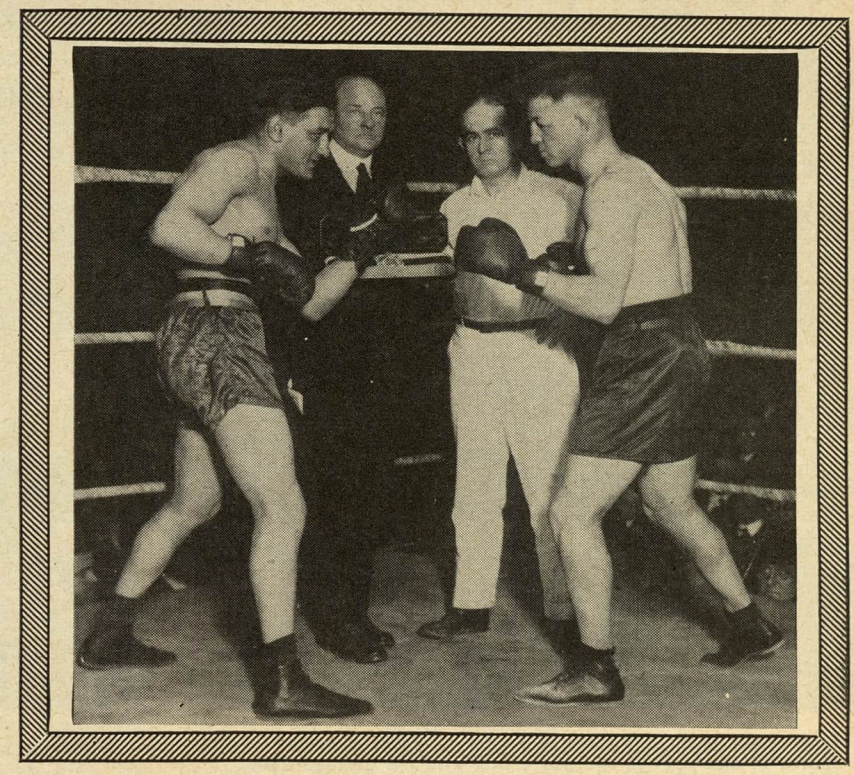
It doesn't always hold that a fighter will measure up to his pre-battle form chart. Past performances are not infallible gauges. In any sport, where the human factor plays a prominent role, there's always the element of uncertainty, of surprise and disappointment. Everybody is subject to the vagaries of a capricious nature. In baseball, a pitcher is well-nigh unhittable in one game, and gets blasted from the mound in the next. An outstanding batter suddenly goes into a discouraging slump.



Abe Attell, another all-time great, who learned a valuable lesson from aging but ringwise George Dixon, and used it to become remarkable boxer and world featherweight champion.

So it is in boxing. Even the most consistent fighters have occasional "off" nights. It may be the styles of the opposition; it may be the fighters themselves. Physical and mental condition are vital factors. You hear of boxers going "stale" from overtraining; of others, too cocky and sure of themselves, not bothering to train enough. Even in the best of shape, a ringster may, for some unaccountable reason, find himself in a sluggish mood; his reflexes are slow in their responses. An ordinary performer may suddenly hit an "inspired" spell and fight better than he normally knows how. Frequently a split-second in timing—the difference between a punch landed and a punch missed—can be the difference between victory and defeat.

AN intelligent matchmaker, putting a card together, doesn't rely entirely on record books. He considers the fighters individually, how their respective



Johnny Wilson (left) squaring off with Mike O'Dowd in their return match in Madison Square Garden. Although O'Dowd had won the middleweight title from one southpaw, Al McCoy, he couldn't fathom Wilson's left-handed tactics and was beaten for the second time.

abilities and styles will blend into what he hopes will be an entertaining show.

We recall an experience of Max Joss' several years ago, when Max was operating the then successful Broadway Arena in Brooklyn.

Joss called us on the 'phone. He wanted some information about Maxie Starr, a Baltimore journeyman, then fighting out around Omaha and doing well.

"What's Starr been weighing?" Max asked.

We checked the record card in our files.

"Around 135–36," we said.

"Fine," said Max. "That means he's in shape. When Starr was here a year ago he was weighing about 145, and in sloppy condition. He got a few tough lickings and lit out of here. He must be paying attention to business now. At 135, he's a pretty good fighter. I can use him."

Joss matched Starr with Jimmy Warren, then a "hot" local favorite. The State Athletic Commission sent for Max and ordered him to take Starr off the card. The Baltimorean, in the opinion of the board, was not a "fit" opponent for Warren.

Joss exploded. "Listen," he said, "I'm not deliberately making bad matches for my club. My money is invested in the Broadway, and my clientele has confidence in me. I have no intention of losing that confidence and ruining my business. I don't match fighters by the record books. I use my own judgment, and what I know of ability and style. I may not always be right, but I've had a pretty good winning average so far. Maybe Starr wasn't much of a fighter when he was here before, but he wasn't in shape. I know what he can do when he *is* in shape, and he's in shape now. He has just the style to bother Warren."

The Commission reluctantly sanctioned the match, but warned Joss he'd be in serious trouble if Starr didn't prove a worthy opponent for Warren.

What happened?

Starr won the decision.

IT was a stunning surpise to the fight world when Middleweight Champion Mike O'Dowd dropped into Boston one night for what was expected to be just another fight, and blew his title to Johnny Wilson. Most of the authorities shrugged off Wilson's victory as strictly a home-town decision.

Wilson had no false illusions of his fistic prowess, but he was dead certain nothing was amiss with the decision; that he whipped O'Dowd fairly and squarely and could do it again, any time, anywhere. "Maybe I'm not much of a champion, and O'Dowd can beat fighters who can beat me, but he's one guy I know I can lick," insisted Johnny.

A few months later Wilson was given the chance to prove it. The return match was brought to New York and moved into "neutral" Madison Square Garden. Again Wilson won. His awkward southpaw style was too troublesome a problem for O'Dowd to solve.

A moss-covered axiom of the ring is that a good *big* man can invariably whip a good *little* man. Everything else being even, advantages in weight and strength often are deciding factors. But ring history chronicles many an incident where fighters spotted all sorts of physical odds to their opponents and beat them.

Jack Dempsey, scaling around 185 pounds at his peak, annihilated mastadons like Carl Morris, Jess Willard and Luis Angel Firpo, but he had problems with rivals nearer his own size. On his way to the title, Dempsey couldn't do much with Willie Meehan, and his hardest fight as champion was with Tom Gibbons. When he lost his laurels, it was to Gene Tunney. The answer was speed! Manassa Jack was too fast and devastating for the big, slow-moving hulks, but when he met up with lighter, more agile rivals who could match him in speed, Dempsey wasn't so destructive.

Jack Dillon, 165 pounds in his prime, was dubbed the "Giant Killer" because of his specialty in blasting big 'uns like Tom Cowler and Frank Moran. But Dillon had his troubles at times with opponents in his own weight bracket. Again it was a matter of speed.

Middleweight Harry Greb was another who delighted in manhandling the big ponderous giants, but Harry, like Dillon, ran into plenty of competition with lighter opponents who could keep pace with him.

And let's not forget the performance of an overblown middleweight, Billy Conn, in his first meeting with Joe Louis.

RINGSTERS are classified in two main categories—boxers and fighters. Just what accounts for the styles they adopt? As a rule, their individual physical and psychological structures are responsible. Frail kids, not built for the wear and tear of gruelling punchfests, instinctively turn to cleverness. Others, constructed along more robust lines, prefer to gamble on strength and ruggedness. Occasionally, you'll hear of a versatile mechanic who can adjust his tactics to the occasion. He can handle himself either in boxing or in fighting.

Many a fine prospect has been ruined by a manager or trainer trying to change his natural style. There have been rare instances of ringsters successfully switching from boxer to fighter, or vice versa, but invariably the boy himself has done the overhauling. Willie Jackson was a notable case. A fast, clever, light-hitting boxer, Jackson became an overnight sensation when he knocked out Johnny Dundee in Philadelphia, and that stunning victory promptly transformed him into an aggressive, colorful "club fighter."

Two of the ring's all-time greats, Packey McFarland and Abe Attell, began their careers as tough, willing sluggers, and became brilliant boxers. Sparring in a Chicago gymnasium with experienced professionals convinced McFarland it was silly for a kid to take unnecessary punishment, and he concentrated on developing boxing skill. With his natural speed, he went on to become one of the most dazzling performers the ring has known.

IT was only recently that Attell was telling us of his first meeting in Denver with the aging but ringwise George Dixon. Abe credits this bout with having converted him into a boxer.

"I'm a cocky kid," said Attell. To me, all there is to this business is to walk

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Berra (Right, inset) isn't alone as a catcher. Rocky Marciano (circled) starred in that position and had a trial with the Chicago Cubs.

by Yogi Berra

YANKEE CATCHER AND ONE OF BASEBALL'S MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS MAKES HIS DEBUT AS A RING EXPERT.

THIS Bobo guy is quite a fighter, and I am very glad that he beat Kid Gavilan and kept the middleweight championship. This made me a real expert. I told the Gavilan fans on our ball club that the Cuban didn't have enough of what it took, and the way the fight went, I sure was right.

I don't want to take all the credit for myself. I got some hot dope on Bobo Olson even before he beat Paddy Young. I ran into Sugar Ray Robinson and he told me to go with Bobo, right through.

Ray said that Olson always would have a great advantage over any opponent, in his fine condition.

Being a ball player, I know exactly how important condition is, no matter if you are a fighter, a jai alai player, a track athlete, a soccer player or baseball pro.

I played a lot of soccer around St. Louis before I came into the Yankee chain, and if you haven't got condition in that game, you sure are out of luck,—and out of wind.

Robinson told me, "Olson is a great fighter. He is in shape, he keeps on punching, and he never lets his backers down. Stick with Bobo, all the way."

So when all the Gavilan boosters come along, I remember what Ray tells me, and could be I put a thin dime on Olson. Only don't tell Commissioner Frick. He doesn't like ball players to be betting plungers.

THE Gavilan boys holler that he had a bad hand against Olson, and the next time will be punching two fisted instead of saving the right for relief duty.

I watched the fight very close on television, and Gavilan sure saved that right. But I don't think it was hurt. Keeping one hand in the bullpen fighting Olson is not very smart stuff. But that's what the Cuban did.

If Olson gives Gavilan another fight, and so far as I am concerned it should be Giardello, in preference, I will go for Bobo again, even if Gavilan is ready with two right hands.

I have no objection to Gavilan, as I hear he is a right guy, and I know he is a good fighter. But before they go back to anybody in any class, I think they should give other candidates a fair shot. That means Giardello.

I do not pick Giardello to beat Bobo. But could be this

(Left) Rocky Marciano and Carl Furillo (Center), Brooklyn Dodger outfielder, receive plaques as "Most Cooperative to Press Photographers" from the association's president Jack Downey. (Below) Champions All. President Ike Eisenhower (Center) at a luncheon with the great Joe DiMaggio and Rocky Marciano.

paysan will give Bobo a very interesting evening for 45 minutes. That's a long time to be fighting one guy in any ring, and I congratulate myself that in baseball we play only nine innings, not fifteen.

I am very much interested in Rocky Marciano, who is a friend of mine and a grand guy. You know, I have seen Rocky in only one fight, that scrap in which he knocked out Roland La Starza. Between Marciano and La Starza it was very tough to choose on a basis of good guys.

On a basis of punching,—well, this Rock can hit. He reminds me of Joe Di Maggio in his prime, of Ted Williams, of what Babe Ruth must have been.

One good, well-timed swing, and BOOM. The whole shindig is over. This thing called timing is terrific both in baseball and in fighting. If you are off your timing, it's just too bad. You can be the greatest batter in the world with the greatest average. But let your timing be off and a bush pitcher will make you look silly. I saw that worked out on our Spring training trip in April.

THEY say that Marciano can't box too well. I don't agree with that. I know he is not one of the most graceful fighters we have had, but he is no bum for science, the way I read in some stories in the New York papers.

We who make a living playing baseball know how important it is to be able to hit that home run when you need it. That's why all of us ball players admire Home Run Marciano. The other guy may make him look bad for a round here and a round there. But when the time comes, it's socko! The game is over. One swing.

I wonder how this Marciano makes out if he sticks to baseball. He tells me he was a fine catcher, and would have gone on in the Cub farm system if he had not injured his arm. A receiver with a bum arm is no bargain, believe me.

The way things break, Marciano certainly is very lucky he goes into the fight game.

But suppose Rocco sticks to baseball, and comes up in the National League, as a hitter with that four base punch? I like to think about that.

People now and then ask me if I ever had any thoughts of going into boxing, and I laugh that off. But the fact is, I was approached by some prominent boxing people in St. Louis, when I was a middleweight.

They said that if I would do what they wanted, I would get rich. I told them that I was not the fighting type. I just had turned down the hockey promoter in St. Louis, who also promised me a little private gold mine if I would become an expert skater. He said that he would guarantee that I would become a great hockey star and land in New York with the Rangers.

WELL, I did not like getting cut up on the ice, any more than I cared about getting cut up in the ring. But I did get to New York.

So I went in for baseball, landed with the Yankees, have been doing okeh in salary and World Series money, and get a lot of fun out of going to the Garden and watching the fighters and the hockey players.

The basketball guys, too, because I could move around a court, as well as on a soccer field, when I was in high school in St. Louis, and besides, I am a St. Louis University fan, heart and soul. They turn out great basketball teams there, year after year, with a ten season average which could be the best in the country. They are always good.

To be a first grade fighter, you have to have the willingness, and the ability, to hurt a guy.

Now, don't get me wrong. Being willing to hurt a guy is okeh if the man you want to hurt is out to get you, and he has as much chance to belt you as you have to sock him.

I am not putting the ring business on trial for being cruel. I often figure that I am better off if I can hurt certain birds which are out to hurt me. I don't want to mention names, but you know who these guys are.

A catcher, especially in the big leagues, and more especially on a championship club, gets a going over. He is fair game for anybody coming into the plate. It doesn't matter if the runner hasn't a ghost of a chance to score. But he will try to kick the ball out of your hand, or throw a hard block on you, or in some way hurt you, cut you, kick you in the head or stomach.

The fans like that sort of thing, and some of it which isn't strictly legal is okehed by the umpires. A lot of that rough stuff is hidden because of the jumble at the plate, where you have the catcher, the runner and the umpire in a small area.

If I was to pull some of that rough stuff on guys out in the open, say at third base, there would be a howl which is heard from the Bronx to Oakland, Cal. But I am not kicking.

THIS brings me back to Home Run Marciano. He is fighting Ezzard Charles, and I have been asked to expertize on that one, too.

Irv Noren, our outfielder, is the Yankee ring expert. He knows a lot about boxing. He reads every line of The Ring Magazine, he watches live fights and TV fights, and I think could handle himself with the gloves, even though he has no rep as a scrapper.

Noren says it is Marciano by a knockout, and I have to go along with Irv.

Has Charles got a chance? Sure he has. Who knows what will happen when two fighters get into the ring? Look that up in the Record Book. Leave us not forget that this Charles used to be the champion of the world.

However, barring a big break, Marciano belts this Charles out, and is ready for another big gate in September.

The unexplainable break, like a Charles victory over Marciano would be, happens in baseball all the time.

Like in 1949, when Casey Stengel has his first season with the Yankees. We are going through Texas, and play a Class B team in Greenville. The Yankees are 100 to 1, but, of course, there is no betting. There never is on such games.

Well, we could do nothing right, and that Big State League club gave us a whacking which none of us ever will forget.

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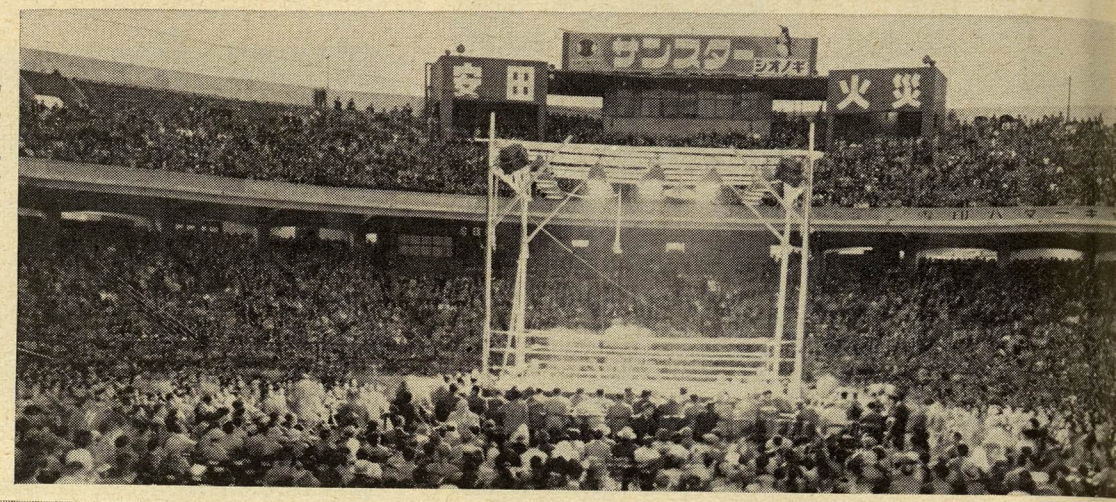


(Right) The famed Korakuen Stadium, in Tokyo, Japan, a modern built structure which is equipped for all sports, including night events. Some great fights have been held there in recent years. (Below) Nat Fleischer, on world tour, takes photos of the Emperor's Palace Grounds, which is used as a park.

Far East Boxing Riding High

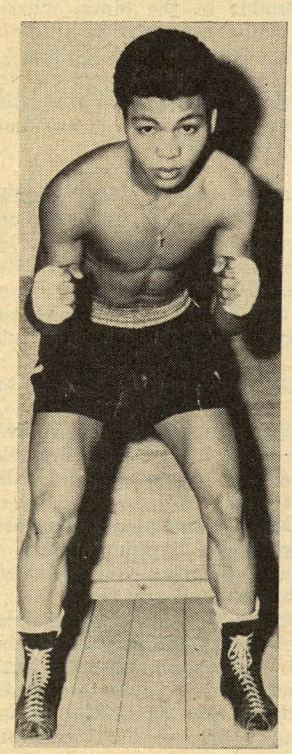
By NAT FLEISCHER

HONG KONG, China. For the first time in boxing history a person associated with the sport has made a good-will boxing tour by flight. Though I am only half way around the world at this writing, I feel that my venture already has brought good results.

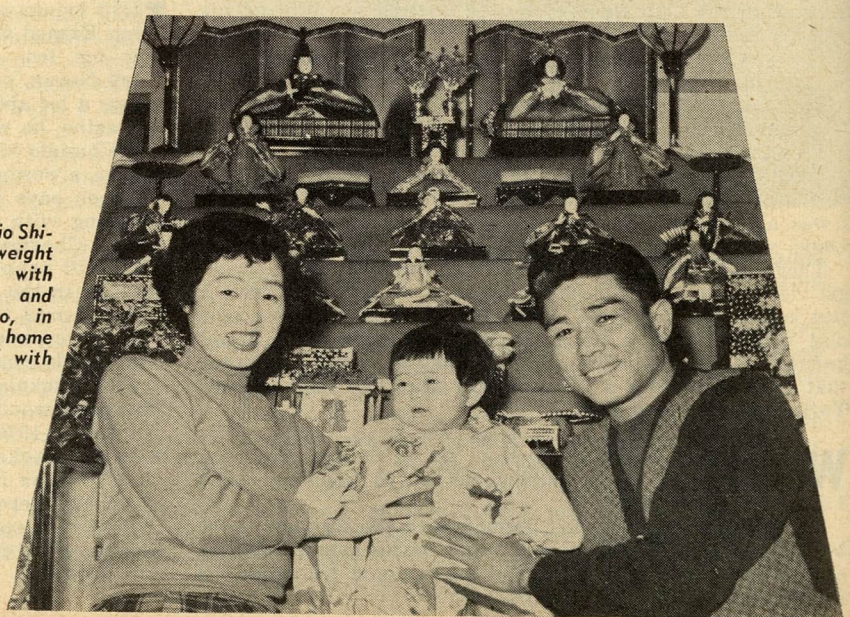
"Sports", as Ambassador Nufer said to me in my recent visit to Argentina, "is the common language of all nations." How true that statement, has become more and more evident to me as I hop from country to country, sometimes as long as fourteen hours in the air.

The greetings I have received, the crowds I have seen at boxing matches and other branches of sports, the keen interest of government officials and the keen interest of the athletes all point to one thing—the universal denominator—sports.

Particularly true is this of boxing, the standout in almost every country. It is the sport that attracts the widest attention even in countries where soccer is the national past-

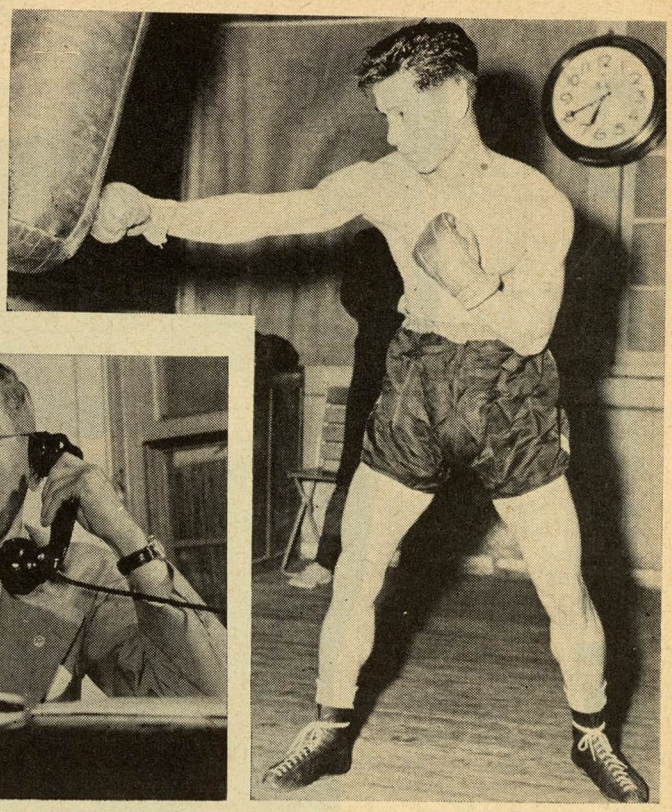


Flash Elorde, high-ranking Filipino bantamweight.



(Right) Yoshio Shirai, world flyweight champ, poses with Mrs. Shirai, and daughter, Reko, in his beautiful home which is filled with antiques.

NAT FLEISCHER, ON FIRST LEG OF WORLD TOUR, HAS NOTHING BUT PRAISE FOR PROGRESS MADE IN FOREIGN LANDS.



(Right) Speedy Akira, promising young Japanese fighter, who filled the Japanese flyweight title left vacant by Yoshio Shirai. (Below) Munehide Tanabe, veteran sports promoter, who also owns Japan's largest stadiums. A fighter in his youth, he is the Commissioner of Japanese boxing and his word is law.

time and draws as many as 100,000 at the gate.

Each nation has its own hero and, as in our country, the public is ever eager to see him in person. In Hawaii, Bobo Olson is now the popular idol, though a few years ago he was considered only another fighter.

Japan has its Yoshio Shirai, the flyweight king who commands the same attention wherever he goes as did our great Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio when they were at the height of their baseball careers and as does Jack Dempsey even to this day.

Autographs, slaps on the back, hand shakes and gifts indicate to what extent the Japanese go to honor their top men. Shirai, to the Japs, is a national hero, the first Nipponese to win a world crown.

Boxing is a hot sport throughout the Pacific sector, with Tokyo and Bangkok as the chief centers. The crowds that turn out for an important match in those cities, are reminders of the days when Mike Jacobs and Tex Rickard would fill the Garden arena and the ball parks with their outstanding attractions.

THE interest of the fight fans in the Orient does not remain wholly with their own talent and that of nearby countries. American fighters among the Ring's top ranking ten are as well known here as in our own land. The sports scribes are well versed in the activities of these men. They discuss their styles, their records, know where they are rated by "The Ring" magazine and argue why one or more of their boxers should fit into the world rankings.

The best answer I could give is that those mentioned have not qualified because of a shortage of international competition with outstanding boys of their division to enable "The Ring" to judge their true merit.

The same arguments are heard in the Philippines, in Hawaii and generally throughout the boxing world. Even in my stop-off in California, prior to hopping across the Pacific for Honolulu, I got an earfull of similar arguments relative to Pacific Coast talent.

It is no different from what our Ring staff receives daily in our Madison Square Garden headquarters from New York and visiting managers. That's what makes boxing the universal sport it is.

Wherever I go, Tommy Jackson is the American boxer most discussed. The Marciano-Charles fight, the Olson-Gavilan bout, the suspension of Willie Pep's license, are among other topics discussed, especially in Japan where the sports writers feed the public with loads of boxing news. The rise of Jackson to an outstanding post among the heavyweights is what gained the most attention.

"Who is this fellow? How does he fight? What is meant by his 'paint brush' attack? Is he easy to hit and can he take it? Is he likely to fit into the championship picture if Charles is defeated by Rocky?"

Those queries occupied considerable of my time in boxing clinics I held in Tokyo with the newspapermen, commissioners, managers, promoters and U. S. Army representatives.

There seemed to be little interest in Marciano though he had recently visited Japan. The inactivity of the heavyweight king has lost for him much of the world prestige that ordinarily goes with a title holder.

On the other hand, the many stories that have appeared in foreign papers on Jackson have made him the most discussed pugilist. He has aroused an international interest such as did Joe Louis when he kept mowing 'em down.

Jackson has caught on, though he lost to Jimmy Slade, and if he can keep up his accomplishments through the next few months he should be the promoters' dream no matter what one might think about his chances to win the world crown. At least that's the conclusion I must draw from foreign comment. It takes only one colorful, thrill-providing boxer to arouse a new interest in boxing, and such a man, based on what I have heard on my travels, is Tommy Jackson.

THE reception I received in every place I visited, was a compliment to "The Ring" Magazine and those whose articles and world reports keep the sports before the public. In every port—the greetings by sports writers, members of the boxing fraternity, boxing commissioners and other public officials, made me feel that the many years I have spent in disseminating boxing news, in combating the evils identified with the sport and keeping alive ring romance, were not spent in vain.

The pay-off was in the splendid treatment accorded to me in every part of the world to which my glove tour took me and the gifts showered on me by government agencies. It had been my ambition to circle the globe on behalf of my favorite sport, and my wish was fulfilled.

Although originally my plans called only for the coverage of the world bantamweight championship fight between Jimmy Carruthers of Australia and Chamrern Songkitrat of Bangkok, at the request of officials in Hawaii, Japan, Hong Kong, among other nations, the trip was extended in order to enable me to see how boxing is being conducted under the supervision of nationally appointed officials in all parts of the world.

The Walker Law in New York is the basis of world boxing. Though there are many modifications, no matter where one goes, he will find that the basic principals of New York's law have been adopted. The principal difference is in judging a fight.

Since most of the countries in one way or another are allied to the National Boxing Association, the ten points "must" system is being followed by most, but like in the

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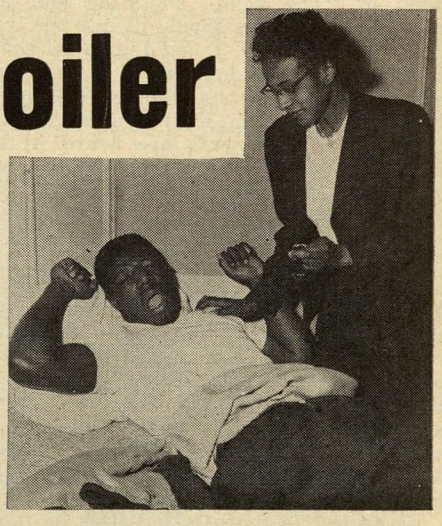
SLADE THE Magnificent Spoiler

Jimmy Slade, the new heavyweight sensation, displays some neat footwork as he cuts a rug with girl friend, Mary Robinson. Always the opponent, Slade is now in line for shots at the light heavyweight and heavyweight crowns.

By MURRAY GOODMAN

(Lower left) Jimmy Slade takes a turn in the kitchen and his Mom, Mrs. Mozzelle Hawkins, approves.. Jimmy's probably cooking up ways to beat more heavyweights. (Center) Jimmy and his girl friend, Mary, look over a story on Slade in a sporting paper. (Right) And so to bed. Next to fighting, Jimmy likes his sleep. Mom tucks him safely away for the night.



THE word "spoiler" in boxing is a dreaded word. It denotes a fighter who in the terminology of the ring "smells the joint out." It is the fighter most managers keep away from their hopefuls. It is the guy nobody wants to fight.

Jimmy Slade, of the Bronx, lightheavyweight by trade, is a different kind of spoiler. He is a crowd-pleasing spoiler. The reason a lot of guys in his own division won't fight him is that he is too tough and to crafty. Jimmy got there the hard way and when he burst the bubble that was Tommy "Hurricane" Jackson in Eastern Parkway on Monday, April 26th, all the weisenheimers said they knew it all the time. And yet they made Jackson a 3 to 1 favorite.

Slade spotted Jackson 13 pounds and inches in reach and height and not only whipped the Far Rockaway phenom but earned himself a lightheavyweight title fight with Archie Moore. From a fighter looked on merely as an opponent, Slade has finally become a name. He is what they call a "hot" fighter.

It is not a new role for Slade. He has been an underdog

in 90 percent of his fights. He has a knack for stopping folks from going places. Britain's Don Cockell was looking to fight with the then lightheavyweight champion, Joey Maxim, in 1951. Slade knocked Cockell out in four.

Harold Johnson was considered the only real threat to Moore. On January 29, 1954, Slade held Johnson to a split decision and Harold lost a sure title chance. Clarence Henry was on a comeback campaign. Slade beat him on February 16th.

Jackson, freak or otherwise, seemed headed for a heavyweight title fight in September. He was the greatest thing to come along in the heavyweight class in years. Reams of copy was written about the eccentric youth with the amazing stamina and the whirlwind style. Then along came Slade.

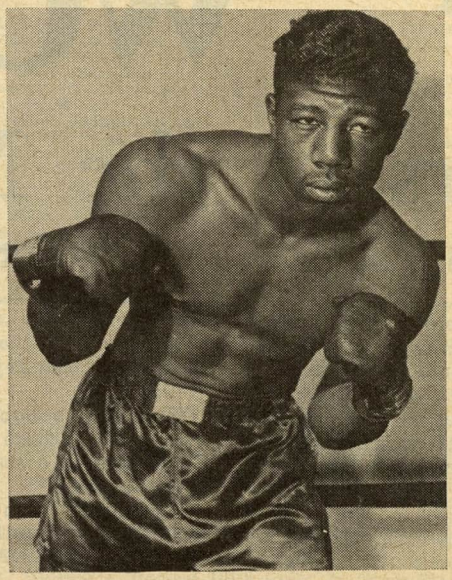
JAMES OLIVER SLADE was born in Norfolk, Va., on August 14, 1926. He lives very modestly with his mother in an apartment at 1020 Washington Ave., in the Bronx, and his only luxury is a Cadillac convertible. One younger brother completes the family group but the brother fights on a different front. He got himself married. Jimmy is single and intends to stay that way, for a while anyway.

Slade's formal education consisted of reaching eighth grade in two of New York's public schools. He also attended New York Vocational, studying to be a radio technician and then to be a dietician.

"I didn't last too long," he says. "But that dietician stuff helps me now. I know what I'm eating."

How did Jimmy become a fighter? The fighter? The story is one told by many others of his race.

"When I was a kid in Norfolk," he declared, "All we talked about was Joe Louis. Every kid wanted to be like Joe. Every kid wanted to be heavyweight champion of the world. It was the same thing when we moved to New York in 1937. Louis had just won the title. We lived on 116th Street in Harlem then. I did my first fighting in the streets. I became the neighborhood champ.



Jimmy Slade, who halted "The Hurricane" by decisioning Tommy Jackson, is the hottest fighter around today.

"A fighter could go on to win an amateur title but in the neighborhood, he didn't get recognized until he fought me. I licked them all in the streets, with bare fists. I was the champ of champs. The guys around the block razzed me because I didn't fight in competition. They kept razzing me until I finally went up to the Uptown Gym, which was then on 116th street, off 8th Ave. That was in 1946. That was the first time I ever put gloves on.

"I never fought an amateur fight. I became a pro right away and had about ten fights that aren't even in the record book. I had to fight guys who outweighed me and were much bigger. And then Al Joyner saw me. He liked the way I looked. In 1947, I signed a contract with Joyner, and I've been with him ever since. It's been tough sledding, but he's been good for me and he had more patience and confidence than I did.

"My record in the Ring Record Book doesn't start until 1949. There are those early fights missing but there was a period of 20 months when we couldn't get any fights. I weighed 169 pounds when I started and I don't remember when I fought a guy smaller or lighter."

SLADE'S record, officially, begins with a three-round knockout at the hands of Joe Lindsay, a seasoned heavyweight. It should have discouraged him completely.

"He had a born aptitude," said Joyner. "He was very fast and had a natural defense. He didn't care who he fought. He gave away 20 and 30 pounds. Look at what he did in 1950. He won all his eight fights that year.

"On June 2nd, he beat Doc Williams, ranked fifth among the light heavyweights. On June 22nd, he licked Chubby Wright, another rated 175-pounder. On July 27th, he beat Williams again, and four days later beat Bert Lytell, who was ranked three in the world. Two weeks later, he licked Ted Lowry, a good heavyweight, and then handed Wright another beating.

"We didn't pick them because we couldn't. We were lucky to get anybody to fight him. Earl Walls, the big Canadian heavyweight they talk about so much, was a cinch for Jimmy in a six-rounder in the Garden."

Jimmy got his first big chance, at Yankee Stadium, against Julian Keene on June 27th, 1951. He honestly admits he flubbed it.

"I learned that night," he said, "That you got to train to win fights. I stayed out all night before the fight. I didn't go to bed till 5 or 6 in the morning. Then I ate fried food before the fight. When Keene started hitting me in the belly, I didn't feel so good. By the time the sixth round rolled around, I was ready to be taken by a kid of six. He knocked me out. It taught me a big lesson. I fought a lot much bigger and harder-hitting guys than Keene since and nobody's knocked me out."

EVEN after the knockout by Keene, Slade had a tough time getting fights. He went to England to fight Don Cockell. They picked Slade because they thought he'd be a cinch for the body-punching Cockell who had just won the British and European lightheavyweight titles.

"I knocked him out in the fourth with left hook combinations," added Jimmy. "Al kept telling me he was a sucker for a left hand. Forget your right, just throw that left, he told me. I never threw so many lefts in my life. It was a big shock to the English when I knocked him out. And they really treated me great. It was the first time royalty attended a fight there since the days of the Prince of Wales.

"The fight was for the Duke of Edinborough's charity. The Duke shook hands with me and wished me luck. So I knock out their champ. It wasn't a nice thing to do. After that, I got nothing but easy fights. Archie Moore and then a 238-pound heavyweight, Charley Lester. I lost to Moore and knocked Lester out in six. I went back to England and fought Yolande Pompee, won and got a draw. I fought Harold Johnson and then Pompee again.

"I beat James J. Parker, the heavyweight who weighs over 200 and is 6 feet, 3 inches tall. I'm around 177 and only 5 feet, 11 inches tall—and he gets the decision. I think I beat Dan Bucceroni but he wins it. They give me Rocky Jones, who beat La Starza, and I knock him out in nine.

"This year, I had nothing but easy fights—first, Johnson again. I make a monkey out of him but he gets the decision. I beat Clarence Henry, so to reward me, they match me with Moore again. I like to fight Moore but for the title. I got lucky.

"Moore can't fight so they pick Jackson for me because they figure I'd be easy for him. He knocked out Rex Layne and beat Henry and knocked out Bucceroni. This was the new sensation. I was scared to death. Al didn't want me to fight Jackson but I begged him to get me the fight. I knew I had the style to beat him. Now I'm the sensation. They suddenly discovered me."

JIMMY has a fine sense of humor along with his ability to fight. "When I first started fighting, I didn't move around like I do now," he said "I just layed in and made the other guy look bad. Then I figured that wasn't so good. I was smelling out places instead of drawing people. I decided to use my speed, to be more colorful. I think it's worked."

Jimmy's spare time is used up playing ping pong and musical records. He is an excellent dancer, specializing in mambo and calypso. He admits he's not the champ in that department. He admits that Ray Robinson and Kid Gavilan are better but he may come on.

He prefers being an underdog. He doesn't have to think

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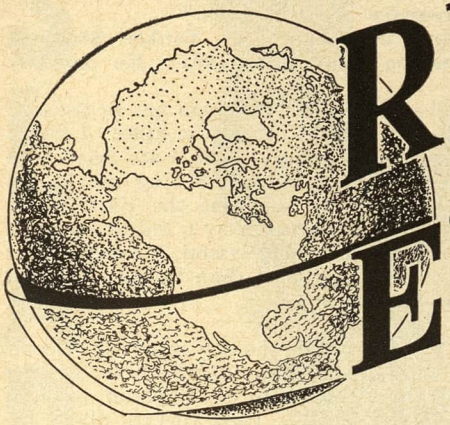

RING RATINGS EMBRACE The WORLD

Fighters of the Month

JIMMY SLADE, U.S.A.

TIBERIO MITRI, ITALY

JIMMY SLADE, New York heavyweight, and Tiberio Mitri, Italian middleweight, are The Ring's "Fighters of the Month". Both scored sensational victories and achieved high ranking in their divisions, though neither had a foothold among the heavies or middles in the previous issue. Slade, then third ranking light heavyweight who had been campaigning among the heavier men, easily triumphed over Tommy Jackson, "the Hurricane." Tiberio Mitri, who fought Jake LaMotta for the middleweight crown in 1950 and has been staging an impressive comeback, topped his efforts with an eye-opening one round knockout over Randy Turpin in 28 seconds.

In the Heavyweight class, Tommy Jackson, who was beaten by Jimmy Slade, was dropped from third to fifth place. Slade, formerly No. 3 among the lightheavyweights, now is rated fourth among the heavyweights, with Britisher Don Cockell moving up from fourth to third. Johnny Williams has been dropped to make room for Slade.

European Champion Gerhard Hecht of Germany advanced from seventh to third post in that division. Newcomer Bobby Hughes of Warren, Ohio, who has won 12 in a row, 10 by knockouts, joins the division in tenth place.

The middleweights saw quite a bit of action, with a number of changes. Tiberio Mitri of Italy, the new European champion rejoins the ratings in fourth spot. Holly Mims has advanced from sixth to third, with Bobby Dawson dropping from fourth to fifth. Randy Turpin, who was kayoed by Mitri, falls down to ninth, while Bobby Jones who kayoed Gil Turner is now sixth. Ralph (Tiger) Jones due to his poor showing against a mediocre opponent, Jacques Royer, loses his third spot and drops to eighth on the middleweight totem pole.

In the Welterweight class, the continued inactivity of Billy Graham has caused him to be dropped from third to sixth. Johnny Saxton, matched with Kid Gavilan for a title bout in July, has advanced to third with Freddy Dawson and Ramon Fuentes, fourth and fifth. Despite his kayo at the hands of middleweight Eduardo Lausse, Chico Varona remains in seventh post since he was ahead on points when he was knocked out by a left hook.

The return to action of Johnny Gonsalves in his win over Wallace (Bud) Smith, advanced Johnny from eighth to fifth among the lightweights, with Smith dropping to sixth. Ralph Dupas has moved into the third post with the inactive Eddie Chavez fourth. Cisco Andrade moved past George Araujo into eighth spot.

Baby Ortiz, Mexico champion, has moved into the No. one post among the featherweights, due to the loss of Percy Bassett to Orlando Zulueta. Ray Famechon, who has been winning steadily on his comeback has advanced to fifth place over the inactive Teddy Davis. Roy Ankara of the Gold Coast has rejoined the class in tenth place replacing Willie Pep.

The only action in the bantamweights, saw champion Jimmy Carruthers retain his crown by defeating Chamrern Songkitrat in a close fight only to announce his retirement from boxing.

South American Flyweight champion Pascual Perez has moved up to ninth post among the flyweights, changing places with Nazzarino Giannelli.

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Jimmy Slade outfought Tommy Jackson, 10. Jack Gardner decisioned Ansel Adams, 10. Lucien Touzard won the French championship by kayoing Emile Bentz, 5. Bentz came back to polish off Francis Coueret, 4. Bert Whitehurst stopped Gene Jones, 4. Mike Oberholzer halted Lou Strydom, 5.

Ken Brady retained Australian title by stopping Cecil Meredith, 8. Jacques Strocchio decisioned Jean Laugier, 8. Earl Keel kayoed Jackie Pearce, 2. J. B. Reed kayoed Sonny Andrews, 4.

Uber Bacilieri outpointed Polly Smith, 10. Claude Chapman beat Leo Johnson, 8, Leo then scored over Elle Rogalle, 8. Chuck Ross outscored Curt Kennedy, 10, and kayoed Eddie Parks, 7. Parks was also stopped in 7 by Gene Brixon, and again by Gene in 2. Willie Wilson upset Ed Sanders, 6. Joe Sanchez edged out Lou Benson, 6, and Tommy Haskins, 5.

Julio Mederos stopped Claude Rolfe, 6. Harold Carter kayoed Bob Slaughter, 7. Oscar Pharo stopped John Minter, 1. Kitione Lave halted Alan Williams, 8. Mike DeJohn kayoed Johnny Kasmier, 1.

Howie Turner beat Johnny Hoye, 6, but was held to a draw by Ike Thomas, 6. Charlie Powell kayoed Joe Hayward, 1, and Ozzie Hubbard, 1. Frank Cowan kayoed Sammy Jackson, 2. Pat McMurtry kayoed Nat Washington, 2, and Jim Murphy, 4.

Carl Kuhlmeier beat Bill Keener, 6, Keener kayoed Isaac Dukes, 2. Bill Little kayoed Johnny Williams, 1. Johnny was also flattened by Harley Breshears, 3, and Dick Schwender, 3. Zora Folley kayoed Jackie Condon, 3. Jack Scheberries kayoed Bill Mathis, 2.

Joe Erskine held to draw by Dinny Powell, 6. Billy Burke stopped Ben Miller, 1, but was kayoed by Keene Simmons, 3. Ruben Wilson halted Bob Sherman, 2. Coley Wallace defeated Bill Gilliam, 10.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Floyd Patterson outpointed Alvin Williams, 8, and middleweight Jesse Turner, 8. Sonny Andrews was stopped by heavyweight J. B. Reed, 4. Stan Lotriet won vacant South African title by decisioning Joe Munro, 12.

Bobby Hughes kayoed Bobby Hall, 2. Waddell Hanna outpointed Yvon Durelle, 10. French Champion Charles Colin kayoed Carlos Santa Gloria, 3. Billy Lewis outpunched Burl Charity, 8.

Gordon Wallace defeated James Hall, 6. Al Hogan defeated Gus Bruno, 6. Marty Marshall kayoed Herb Moore, 2. John Masonovich stopped Barrie Jackson, 4.

Bob Murphy drew with Roger Wiley, 10. Bob Biehler kayoed Willie Tatum, 2. Lonnie Malone kayoed Frankie Crane, 4. Roger Dennis beat Maurice Darez, 6. Howard King beat Bob Battiste, 6.

Tony Lomonaco drew with William Hunter, 5. Ron Whittle whipped Art Hughes, 8. Harvey Taylor beat Cal Brad, 6. Benny Flake beat Billy Marshall, 6.

LeRoy Miller stopped Curtis Knox, 2. Claude Flager kayoed Al Ames, 1, and beat Hank Jones, 4. Dick Allan kayoed Frankie Morelli, 2. John Harding whipped Henry Taylor, 6.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Tiberio Mitri won the European title by stopping Randy Turpin in 28 seconds of the first round. Rocky Castellani outpointed Pedro Gonzales, 10. Walter Cartier won a close decision from Bobby Dykes, 10. Bobby Jones halted Gil Turner, 10.

Pierre Langlois lost to welterweight Carmen Basilio, 10. Georgie

RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Ending May 20, 1954

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 pounds)

World Champion
Rocky Marciano, Brockton, Mass.
1—Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, O.
2—Nino Valdes, Cuba
3—Don Cockell, England
4—Jimmy Slade, New York City, N. Y.
5—Tommy Jackson, Rockaway, N. Y.
6—Roland LaStarza, New York, N. Y.
7—Dan Bucceroni, Philadelphia, Pa.
8—Earl Walls, Canada
9—Heinz Neuhaus, Germany
10—Tommy Harrison, Los Angeles, Calif.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)

World Champion
Archie Moore, San Diego, Calif.
1—Harold Johnson, Phila., Pa.
2—Joey Maxim, Cleveland, O.
3—Gerhard Hecht, Germany
4—Yolande Pompey, Trinidad, B.W.I.
5—Floyd Patterson, Brooklyn, N. Y.
6—Willi Hoepner, Germany
7—Paul Andrews, Buffalo, N. Y.
8—Danny Nardico, Tampa, Fla.
9—Jacques Hairabedian, France
10—Bobby Hughes, Warren, O.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)

World Champion
Carl (Bobo) Olson, Honolulu, T. H.
1—Joey Giardello, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Rocky Castellani, Cleveland, O.
3—Holly Mims, Washington, D. C.
4—Tiberio Mitri, Italy
5—Bobby Dawson, New York, N. Y.
6—Bobby Jones, Oakland, Calif.
7—Willie Troy, Washington, D. C.
8—Ralph Jones, Yonkers, N. Y.
9—Randy Turpin, England
10—Gil Turner, Philadelphia, Pa.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)

World Champion
Kid Gavilan, Cuba
1—Carmen Basilio, Syracuse, N. Y.
2—Del Flanagan, St. Paul, Minn.
3—Johnny Saxton, Brooklyn, N. Y.
4—Freddy Dawson, Chicago, Ill.
5—Ramon Fuentes, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Billy Graham, New York City, N. Y.
7—Chico Varona, Cuba
8—Joe Miceli, New York City, N. Y.
9—Art Aragon, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Johnny Bratton, Chicago, Ill.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)

World Champion
Paddy DeMarco, Brooklyn, N. Y.
1—James Carter, New York City, N. Y.
2—Orlando Zulueta, Cuba
3—Ralph Dupas, New Orleans, La.
4—Eddie Chavez, U. S. Army
5—Johnny Gonsalves, Oakland, Calif.
6—Wallace (Bud) Smith, Cincinnati, O.
7—Arthur Persley, Red Crosse, La.
8—Cisco Andrade, Compton, Calif.
9—George Araujo, Providence, R. I.
10—Duilio Loi, Italy

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)

World Champion
Sandy Saddler, New York City, N. Y.
1—Baby Ortiz, Mexico
2—Percy Bassett, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—Lulu Perez, Brooklyn, N. Y.
4—Jean Sneyers, Belgium
5—Ray Famechon, France
6—Teddy Davis, Hatrford, Conn.
7—Gene Smith, Washington, D. C.
8—Eddie Burgin, Cincinnati, O.
9—Ciro Morasen, Cuba
10—Roy Ankara, Gold Coast

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)

World Champion
Title Vacant, Carruthers retired
1—Robert Cohen, France
2—Chamrern Songkitrat, Thailand
3—Pierre Cossemyns, Belgium
4—Raton Macias, Mexico
5—Nate Brooks, Cleveland, O.
6—Andre Valignat, France
7—Bobby Sinn, Australia
8—Mario D'Agata, Italy
9—Henry (Pappy) Gault, Spartanburg, S. C.
10—Hilaire Pratesi, France

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)

World Champion
Yoshio Shirai, Japan
1—Tanny Campo, Philippines
2—Jake Tuli, South Africa
3—Dai Dower, Wales
4—Leo Espinosa, Philippines
5—Louis Skena, France
6—Eric Marsden, England
7—Terry Allen, England
8—Young Martin, Spain
9—Pascual Perez, Argentina
10—Nazzarino Giannelli, Italy

Johnson stopped Moses Ward, 5, but was halted by Holly Mims, 9. Jesse Turner lost to light heavyweight Floyd Patterson, 8. Al Andrews outpointed Sammy Mastrean, 10. Eduardo Lausse kayoed welterweight Chico Varona, 7.

Willie Vaughn defeated Charlie Green, 12. French Champion Charley Humez stopped Kid Dussart, 6. George Benton defeated Kid Charolito, 10. Willie Dockery kayoed Junior Washington, 1.

Hachiro Tatsumi defended his Oriental title by decisioning Tony Aldeguer, 12. Tony Percy kayoed Denis Jacques, 1. Serge van Zandt halted Valere DiBenedetto, 7. Hank (Kid) Davis stopped Reuben Shanks, 6.

Jim Elby beat W. C. Cage, 10. Jimmy Martinez kayoed Earl Turner, 1, but lost to welterweight Ramon Fuentes, 10. Jean Piniarski halted Aime Lombard, 5. Jesse Fuentes outfought Eddie Sims, 10. Eddie Green defeated Gene Burton, 10.

Irwin Schulz outfought Bobby Moore, 8. Vinnie DeCarlo whipped HoneyChile, 8. Tony Anthony kayoed Wilfredo Miro, 2. Tony Percy beat Pierre Hernandez, 6. Eddie Andrews kayoed Charlie Goulart, 3.

Gene Fullmer kayoed Charley Cato, 1. Andre Tessier beat Willie Boyd, 8. Vince Mazac defeated Roberto Martinez, 8. Henri Entringer stopped Cesar Lawniczak, 6. Pat Best stopped Jimmy Doxie, 3, but lost to Bobby Dalton, 6.

Al Hauser bested Millard Peck, 5. Froggie Simmons beat Al Anderson, 8. Mickey Rhodes beat Charlie Clem, 6. Reuben Hernandez halted Jiggs Reed, 8, but lost to Sal Perea, 8. Sal also bested Frank Skidmore, 10.

Bob McLane beat Benny Ventura, 6. Al Farese beat Tony Necro, 6. Calvin Davis bested Ernie Stepp, 6. Gene Gunter kayoed Frankie Wetzel, 3, and beat Jerry Gray, 6.

Dick Canaday kayoed Jesse Smith, 5. Carlos Martinez kayoed Rudy Jimenez, 5. Al Horton beat Pete Sanchez, 6, and Robert Martinez, 6 (twice). Jimmy Smith defeated Russ Gilliam, 6, but was stopped by Raniey Mayes, 2. Paul Nichols beat Harry Miller, 6.

Jacques Royer-Crecy upset Ralph Jones, 10. 45-year-old Bep van Klaveren scored third victory of latest comeback by whipping Alois DeWulf, 10. Gino Campagna decisioned Mario Faverzani, 8. Govern Small outpointed Wilbur Wilson, 10. Tony Baldoni kayoed Rudy Watkins, 4.

Bill Brenner stopped Tag Mayfield, 9. Ron Milne flattened Al Cobb, 4. Jan Hagenaar halted Snucky de Bruin, 5. Willie Armstrong kayoed Billy Ellaway, 6. Ray Drake defeated Rinzi Nocero, 8. Ricardo King beat Johnny Pruitt, 6. Eddie Andrews kayoed Herb Tessier, 4.

Charlie Chase halted Gary Simon, 4. Charley Humez won from Baby Day on disqualification, 5. Germinal Gallarin stopped Arthur Acha, 7. Wes Echols kayoed Joe Cardenas, 4. Leroy Coleman drew with Georgie Benton, 8.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Carmen Basilio outpointed Pierre Langlois, 10. Chico Varona was stopped by Middleweight Eduardo Lausse, 7. Ramon Fuentes outpointed Jimmy Martinez, 10, and Frankie Fernandez, 10. Freddy Dawson outpointed George Barnes, 15.

Solly Cantor decisioned Terry Ratcliffe, 8. Tony DeMarco outpointed Carlos Chavez, 10. Irvin Steen defeated Tommy Dixon, 8. Danny Giovanelli stopped Billy Andy, 5. Vince Martinez defeated Harold (Baby Face) Jones, 10.

Claude Fortin drew with Rocky Brisebois, 12. Ramon Correa won Spanish title by decisioning Emilio Orozco, 12. Jed Black whipped Joey Klein, 10. Ramon Tiscareno defeated Lou Gage, 10. El Conscripto defeated Sauveur Chiocca, 10. Chiocca then beat Matias Fenoy, 10. Tommy Burns defeated Americo Agostini, 12.

British Champion Wally Thom stopped Attu Clottey, 8. Lew Lazar won on disqualification over Eddie Thomas, 3. Alfonso Flores beat Manuel Rocha, 10. Gene Parker outscored Chuck Price, 8, then lost to him in 8. Matias Fenoy beat Alberto Perez, 10.

Jimmy Croll halted Danny Harvey, 7. Buddy Holderfield whipped Ernes Balderas, 10, and stopped Chato Hernandez, 5. Mickey O'Neill stopped Scottish champion Danny Malloy, 5 (non-title). Manny Renteria stopped Joe Felan, 5. Peter Fallon decisioned Peter King, 8.

PROSPECTS OF THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHTS — Zora Folley, Chandler, Arizona
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS — Johnny Jenkins, New York City, N. Y.
MIDDLEWEIGHTS — Raniey Mays, Los Angeles, Calif.
WELTERWEIGHTS — Duke Harris, Detroit, Mich.
LIGHTWEIGHTS — Spraphin Ferrer, North Africa
FEATHERWEIGHTS — Len Walters, Vancouver, B. C., Canada
BANTAMWEIGHTS — Colin Barber, England
FLYWEIGHTS — Eddie O'Connor, Ireland

Dickie Wong defeated Robert Takeshita, 10. Jimmy Sanders drew with Billy Lauderdale, 10. Al Hauser beat Charley Spicer, 6. Ralph Giordano stopped Reggie Alotti, 3, and beat Johnny Darby, 8.

Emmy Tucci stopped Johnny Cooke, 6. Johnny upset Johnny Gentile, 8. Duke Harris upset Pat Lowry, 8. Fred Terry halted Roosevelt Coward, 2. Babe McCarron stopped Larry Griffin, 4, but was kayoed by Denis Jacques, 1. Ralph Alvarez decisioned Jentice O'Neil, 6.

Barry Allison kayoed Bert Gagnon, 3. Earl Dennis outfought Henry Smith, 6, Smith beat Felix Montenegro, 6. Felix Montenegro beat Andy Viserto, 6. Earl McDonald bested Ron Milne, 6. Paul Cheng stopped Ah Kow, 6.

Cloyed Ketcherside halted Johnny Murphy, 6. Mike Colucci beat Eddie Prince, 6. Frankie Ray kayoed Jimmy McCann, 4. Carmen Bartolomeo stopped Johnny Ciccarelli, 2.

Joey Erskine beat Paul Kostopoulos, 6. Gordon Perry defeated Rocky Sullivan, 6. Alex Vargas beat Danny Cardenas, 8. Bertram Bailey outpointed Billy Lynch, 6.

Gil Chavez kayoed Aramando Lara, 3. Jacques Prigent whipped Giuseppe (Valdo) Fusaro, 10. Clyde Mayberry beat Vince Bonomo, 6. Tommy Christian beat Don Southern, 6. Don scored over Izzy Angelo, 6. Ralph Gomes beat Johnny Freshwater, 6. John also lost to Ernie Cabreana, 6.

Artie Thelemaque beat Joe Lissy, 6. Frankie Cockell nodded Jerry Fowler, 6. Jimmy Watkins bested Columbus Lowman, 6. Rolando Rodriquez beat Armando Martiez, 10. Al Berry beat Ronnie Hamlin, 6. Al Perez whipped Billy Hartman, 6.

Carmen Basilio outfought middleweight Italo Scortichini, 10. German Champion Werner Handke retained title by drawing with Ernst Zetzmann, 12. Jo Rogasik stopped Camille Milo, 4. Emil Evans defeated Billy Pinkus, 10. Don Southern whipped Bobby English, 6. Jimmy Mattos halted Al Frias, 3.

Ken Regan edged out Eric Billington, 2. Peter Waterman stopped Peter Smith, 3. Italian Champion Paolo Melis lost to Jean Ruellet, 10. Allie Gronik kayoed Cyril Kelly, 4. Bill Neri drew with Barry Allison, 6. Tommy Smith drew with Tommy Christian, 6. Mickey Zielke outscored Jentice O'Neil, 6.

Bob Rossie kayoed Ralph Alvarez, 1. Antonio Monzon whipped Marcos Bolita, 8. Garnett Hart kayoed Richie Johnson, 1. Billy Lauderdale defeated Jimmy Sanders, 10. Al Barbero kayoed Charlie Courtney, 5.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Johnny Gonsalves boxed his way to a ten round decision over Wallace (Bud) Smith. Orlando Zulueta halted Paolo Rosi, 8. Ralph Dupas decisioned Dennis Pat Brady, 10. Ivor

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1904~ First Olympic Boxing

1952 Boxers Now Standouts in Paid Ranks; Patterson, Brooks, Macias, Dower Look for World Titles

By JOHNNY SALAK

(Above) Olympic training is a tough grind and members of the American team keep in shape on board ship enroute to the Games. (Right) Davey Moore, Springfield, Ohio, featherweight, a member of the 1952 squad, who recently defeated Charley Riley.

IT was fifty years ago that boxing appeared for the first time in the modern Olympic Games, which had been revived in 1896. The last one, held two years ago in Helsinki, Finland, from boxing's viewpoint, was the most successful.

For from those Games came a host of good fighting men who graduated into the professional ranks and bid fair to leave an indelible mark in both the amateur and paid divisions. America had it's strongest team since the 1904 Olympics, coming away with five championships. They won seven out of seven in the Games held fifty years ago, at St. Louis, but since no foreign competition had put in an appearance they couldn't do otherwise.

The five American champions in this premier event of all amateur sports were Nate Brooks, who took the flyweight crown; Chuck Adkins, light welterweight champion; Floyd Patterson, middleweight; Norvel Lee, light heavyweight; and Eddie Saunders, heavyweight. All, except Lee, have turned pro and are doing outstanding work.

In fact, two of them, Brooks and Patterson, are highly rated in the bantam and light heavyweight divisions and are in line for world title shots.

Patterson has advanced the farthest, being undefeated in 13 fights and now ranks No. 4 in his division. Brooks, who won the North American bantamweight title in his ninth pro bout, by stopping Billy Peacock, is the No. 5 man in his class, though he recently lost his first fight, to Mickey Mars.

However, it isn't only the American Olympic ringmen who are making rapid strides in the professional field. Foreign fighters are doing exceptionally well. Raton Macias, the clever little Mexican who was eliminated in the semi-finals of the bantamweight division, has become a standout in that class and now is listed above Brooks, in No. 4 position. He won the Mexican bantam title in his fifth fight and, to date, has engaged in only eight bouts, his latest being a knockout of Billy Peacock.

Dai Dower, the Welsh Wizard who already is spoken about as another Jimmy Wilde, won his first two Olympic bouts but was eliminated in the third series. Since turning pro he is undefeated and recently gained the third notch among the flyweights with his victory over Terry Allen, former world champion.

These, perhaps, are the standout pros to come out of the last Olympic Games, but some of the others are not to be overlooked for they have fine records and are progressing to the front ranks of world boxing.

Among them are Davey Moore, Canton, Ohio, featherweight; Bobby Bickle,

Topeka, Kan., lightweight; Lou Gage, San Francisco welterweight; Henk van der Zee, Dutch bantamweight; Willie Toweel, of South Africa, whose brother held the world bantamweight crown; Sergio Caprari, Italian featherweight; Bruno Visintin, Italian lightweight; Rene Weissmann, French welterweight; Franco Vescovi, Italian welterweight; Giovanni Alfonsetti, Italian light heavyweight; and Ingemar Johansson, Swedish heavyweight.

While only three men who won Olympic titles have gone on to also gain the world professional championships, there have been a number of outstanding fighters through the years who won Olympic crowns and then made a name for themselves in the paid ranks.

In fact, the 1948 winners have done extremely well. Pascuel Perez, of Argentina, who won the flyweight title, is now a ranking man in that division. Ernesto Formenti, featherweight champ, for a long while was a rated man and held the Italian title. Gerry Dreyer, the lightweight king from South Africa, has been a successful fighter since that time and held the British Empire welterweight championship.

Many other former Olympic champs did all right for themselves as professionals. The list is a long and impressive one and includes, Sam Berger, 1904 American heavyweight; Otto Von Porat, 1924 Norwegian heavyweight; Alberto Lovell, 1932 Argentine heavyweight; Carmen Barth, 1932 American middleweight; Eddie Morgan, 1928 New Zealand welterweight; Eddie Flynn, 1932 American welterweight; Sten Suvio, 1936 Finnish welterweight; Sammy Mosberg, 1920 American lightweight; Carlo Orlandi, 1928 Italian lightweight; Laurie Stevens, 1932 South African lightweight; Ollie Kirk, 1904 American bantam and featherweight; Bep van Klaveran, 1928 Dutch featherweight; Vittorio Tamagnini, 1928 Italian bantamweight; Horace Gwynne, 1932 Canadian bantamweight; Anton Kocsis, 1928 Hungarian flyweight; and Willi Kaiser, 1936 German flyweight.

But the real accomplishment belongs to the trio—all Americans—who gained both the world amateur and world professional crowns.

The first was Frankie Genaro, who won the Olympic flyweight title in 1920 at Antwerp, Belgium. He turned pro the same year and early in 1923 won the American flyweight crown by defeating Pancho Villa in a fifteen rounder in New York.

However, it wasn't until 1928 that he gained recognition as a world champ, defeating Frenchy Belanger on points in Toronto, Canada, on February 6. This, though, was only for the NBA version. In 1930, he fought Midget Wolgast to a fifteen round draw in a bout that was advertised as for the world championship. Any claim Genaro had to the crown was finally lost when he was defeated by Young Perez in Paris, France, on October 27, 1931, being stopped in two rounds. Perez, at the time, was the European Boxing Union king.

Technically, Fidel LaBarba, who won the Olympic flyweight title four years after Genaro, was the first who had a clear cut world crown. Several months after the Games, LaBarba turned pro and was fighting the likes of Jimmy McLarnin. After ten bouts he defeated Genaro for the American flyweight crown and in 1927 won over Elky Clark, the Englishman, in New York in a bout for the vacant world title. In August of that year, while still champ, LaBarba announced his retirement from the ring to enter Stanford University. A year later he was back fighting and though he never regained the title he had relinquished, he twice fought in losing efforts for the featherweight championship.

In the 1924 Games Jackie Fields also took down featherweight honors. He had gone to the Paris Olympics as a substitute. The same year he turned pro but it wasn't until 1929 that Fields gained the NBA welterweight title, defeating Young Jack Thompson in a ten rounder. In 1930 he lost the crown to Thompson on a fifteen round decision in Detroit and subsequently won it back from Lou Brouillard in 1932. Thirteen months later Young Corbett III took the championship from him.

Though he never turned professional, Eddie Eagan is perhaps the most successful of all Olympic champions. He was a brilliant amateur and would have gone far in the pro boxing field. Eagan enlisted in World War One while a student at Denver University and was commissioned a lieutenant of field artillery. Enter-

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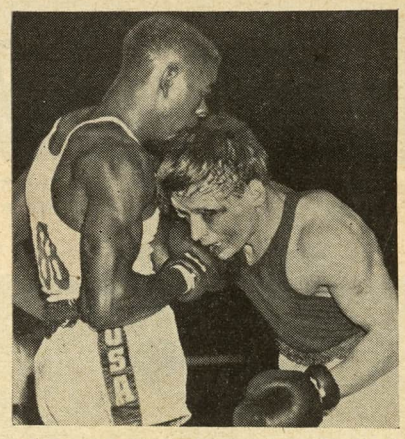
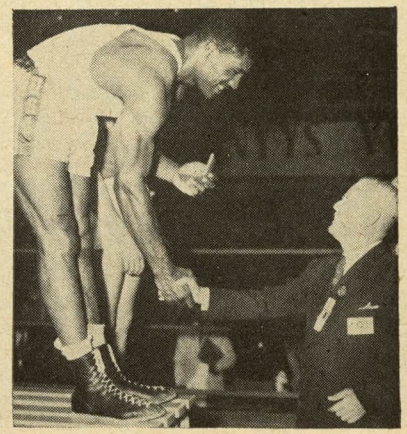
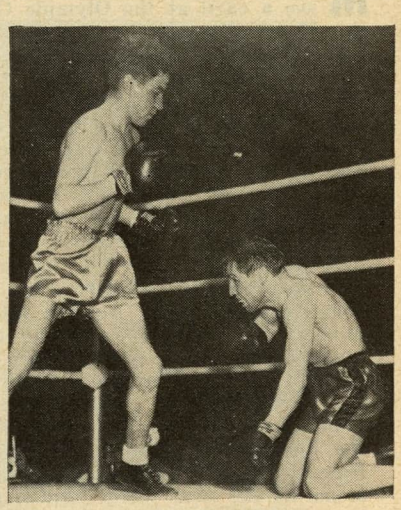


Charley Adkins, (left), pummels V. Mednov, of Russia, in the finals of the light welterweight class to take the championship at Helsinki.

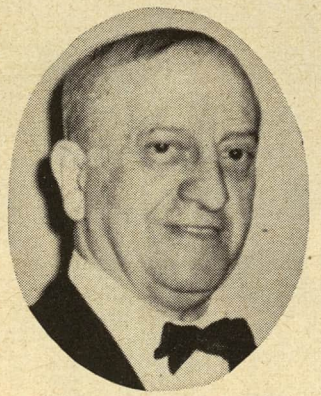


Eddie Saunders, of Los Angeles, receives his Gold Medal from J. I. Johansson, of Sweden, after winning the heavyweight event in the 1952 Olympics.



Dai Dower (left) of South Wales, a member of the British Olympic team, is now the third ranking flyweight, following his victory over former world champion Terry Allen (right).

(Left) Floyd Patterson (right) 1952 Olympic middleweight champ, is undefeated as a pro and in line for a light heavyweight title shot. He is seen defeating Dick Wagner.



Nat FLEISCHER says:

Far East Unrest Handicaps Boxing

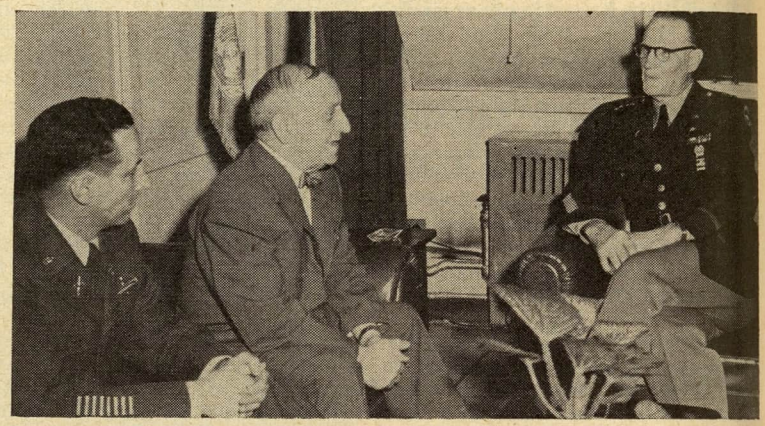
California Ga-Ga Over Andrade

In Tokyo, Fans Squat On Floor

WHEN I started on my world flight, the first yet made on behalf of boxing, it was my hope that I would see fights in various countries, obtain first hand information on how bouts are conducted in places other than in America, and have chats with the most prominent pugilists in those countries. My wish was gratified.

Every place I landed, national representatives not only greeted me at the airport, but made certain that nothing was left undone for my comfort. Luncheons, dinners, special entertainment, and country tours in addition to showering me with gifts, were only part of the programmes.

In each place except in Hong Kong where fights are staged most irregularly due to the poverty and unrest of the natives, a boxing show was staged for my benefit in which the leading talent was on view. Even the Filipinos, whose land I could not include in my schedule, sent several of their boys so that I could see them in action.



Nat Fleischer, center, talks over world affairs and boxing with Major General Charles W. Christenberry (right) and Major John F. Sullivan at Tokyo, Japan.

Thus I saw enough to enable me to form the conclusion that boxing has made great strides in the Far East despite world wars and the jittery conditions now existing in the Orient, where the fear of another conflict keeps the people on edge.

MY first stop, Los Angeles, found me landing on time to see a card at the Olympic Club where Bob Albright, the Blonde Bomber from San Fernando, called there the hottest young heavyweight on the West Coast, faced tough Jack Williams, who had defeated him in a close, thrilling match. They faced each other in a ten rounder, the first bout for Albright beyond the six round limit.

It was a well fought affair which Albright won, but he failed to impress as a heavyweight who might soon be ranked among the first ten. He requires considerable schooling but has what it takes to bring the fans out.

California scribes informed me that Bob is a much better fighter than he appeared that night and that the extra rounds, plus stage fright were responsible for his not showing at his best. He can take it and delivers a good punch, is colorful and has an excellent background for publicity. That all counts in the long run.

The talk in California, naturally is Cisco Andrade. This boy has taken the place of Art Aragon as California's Number One headliner. The scribes think that because of the business-like manner in which he disposed of Percy Bassett and Hoacine Khalfi in nationally televised fights, he looms as the next world lightweight champion. They are eager on the Pacific Coast to sign him for a match with the De Marco-Carter winner which will be staged shortly in their midst. His rise has been unprecedently swift if one considers that up to recently he had engaged in only 23 pro fights and was a perfect stranger to the national scene.

When I flew to Honolulu, Sad Sam Ichinose the man who is most responsible for the rise of the fight game in Hawaii, informed me that he hopes to bring Andrade to the Islands for two or three fights. He would be a popular fighter in Honolulu and could draw well against local talent. Hawaii has some good boys in the lower divisions.

In Hawaii, the most prominent fighter is Dickie Wong, whose defeat of Robert Takeshita at the Civic Auditorium in Bob's comeback after four years of idleness, was well received. A crowd of 4627 persons paid $7,731.12 to see the fight, a big sum for Hawaii. Wong will be seen shortly in California where he is headed for a campaign on the Mainland.

Hawaii has an excellent bantam amateur fighter in the half brother of Dado Marino, former flyweight king. He is clever, can punch, is an excellent jabber, does well at infighting and would be a good addition to the bantam ranks of our country if he turned pro. But he says he is undetermined on making fighting his career.

SPEAKING of Hawaii, it seems a pity that Bobo Olson, middleweight king will make his appearance in his native land under the promotion of Leo Leavitt and Tommy Miles, aided by Sid Flaherty, instead of under Ichinose's promotion.

Despite heavy losses in a number of his fights, Sad Sam has kept the ball rolling, staged show after show and now he finds himself in the background due to the emphatic stand of Flaherty who told the Territorial Commission that Olson will appear before home fans only if Flaherty can show him under Leavitt's and Miles' promotions.

Neither has staged fights for many years but Flaherty insisted on having the commission issue a one-show promotion license to the pair to promote an Olson-Garth Panter fight. Since Panter's record is none too good, I doubt that such an opponent will do much good financially for the show. The ultimatum to the Commission by Flaherty caused considerable adverse criticism on the air and in the press.

In addition to sending many star Hawaiian boxers to the States, Ichinose has kept boxing going in Hawaii and the scribes, especially "Red" McQueen, the outstanding sports writer and Editor of the Honolulu papers, called Flaherty's action a blow to Hawaiian boxing.

When Flaherty appeared before the Hawaiian Territorial Commission to plead for Leavitt's and Miles' license, he informed the members that his entire share of the manager's portion of Olson's purses since he became champion, have

been impounded. He declared that because of a suit filed by Herbert Compos, who claims he has a civil contract for ten years to handle the affairs of Bobo, a San Francisco court has placed all of Flaherty's share of Olson's purse in escrow. The money cannot be touched until the case is decided.

Flaherty let it be known that he has offered to settle the case out of court, but to date Compos has turned down such offers. He wants full rights to Olson's management, so far as the manager's cut is concerned.

IN Tokyo I was deeply interested in the seating arrangements. Did I say seats– Well that is too far fetched. There are none.

Those who purchase tickets for fights are either in what is termed a box seat or a floor seat. The boxes are arranged to care for eight persons who occupy a box-like stall surrounded by a wooden rail. When they enter the box, they take their shoes off, squat on cushions that are rented as they enter the arena and there the fans park their carcass until the fights are over.

Those who have floor seats, do likewise but on the flat floor, patrons squatting side-by-side, some with shoes off, others with shoes on and they all remain in what to them undoubtedly is a comfortable posture, since they are accustomed to it. But to an American, it is a back-breaking-knee hurting experience. I tried it much to my discomforture.

The fans, like in any other country, root their man home if they can. If the decision is against their favorite, the howls and jeers we so often hear in Madison Square Garden and elsewhere, are in evidence.

But the real "sport" begins after the final bout. The gathering men, women and even children, of whom there are many at a fight, toss the cushions all over the arena. It is like the pillow fights in the dormitories of our colleges. If the decision is unfavorable, the cushions are hurled in the direction of the referee and pile up in the ring. Otherwise, they are tossed in all directions.

On the night when I was a visitor and was introduced, the promoter followed my introduction with a plea to the fans:

"Since we have an American dignitary in our midst to-night, I and the boxing commission will appreciate it if our patrons refrain from tossing their cushions around the arena. Let's not give him a poor impression."

This, of course was said in Japanese. Immediately following the contest, "pillow" tossing took place in some parts of the arena, but not, I was informed, to the usual extent.

I saw an excellent referee in Isonni Itoe, who will be remembered by Americans as one of the Olympic officials and who some years ago was the best flyweight in Japan. He is a match for any of our top officials.

Itoe is a strict referee. His interpretation of the rules is beyond question. He scarcely touches an opponent, gets them to break when he tells them and maneuvers himself well around the ring. He is called Japan's Number Two referee. Failure to obey the 'break' command, costs the offender points.

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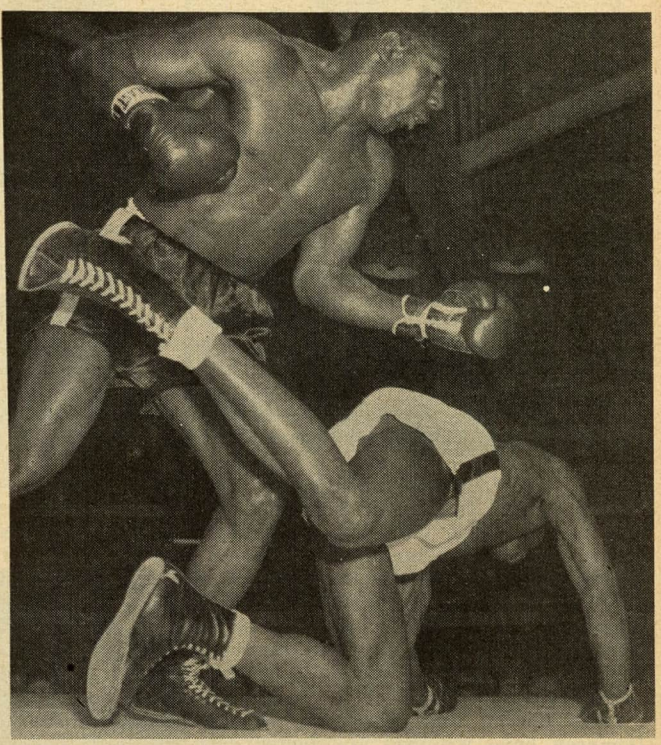
THE Japanese have an excellent American official in their midst in Major John Sullivan who often was seen in Madison Square Garden bouts. He is the Public Information Officer of the Central Command and on nights off, is appointed by Commissioner Tanabe to referee Tokyo bouts. He is likely to be selected as third man for the Shirai-Espinosa fight, since it is desirable to have a neutral official appointed. Such a request was made by the Philippine Commission to Tanabe. Since the title fight takes place before this gets into print, I don't know whether Sullivan received the appointment.

When a foul is committed, as in New York, the referee tells the judges to take a point from the offender. At the end of each round, unlike in the States, the judges turn their score over to the referee, who in turn, gives the cards, his included, to the Commission secretary sitting at the ring side and he adds the points on each card as the fight goes on. At the end of each round, he knows exactly how the officials have voted to date. At no time can an official alter his card once he has turned it over to the Secretary.

It is a very efficient system since only seconds elapse after the fight when the Secretary points to the winner. Then he gives the total tally to the press. He does all the addition thus saving the referee and judges from the headache.

I am of the opinion that many of our U. S. referees where the ten points must system is used, as it is in Japan and Hawaii, would welcome this change. In Chicago, for example, at the Olson-Gavilan fight, it took one official almost

And here we see Nat Fleischer surrounded by Tokyo's leading newspapermen who threw a luncheon for Boxing's Boswell during his recent world tour.



Tommy Hurricane Jackson on the deck during his fight with Jimmy Slade in a heavyweight contest at Eastern Parkway Arena. Jackson, who had skyrocketed to a high place in the heavyweight ratings tumbled back as a result of this loss to Slade in a unanimous 10 round decision.

"Sad" Sam Ichinose of Hawaii, an outstanding manager of fighters for over 20 years, who has been largely responsible for the rising interest in boxing on the islands.

ten minutes to add up his score, while the crowd stamped and hooted. This cannot take place in Japan.

Speaking of Olson and Gavilan reminds me that both Japanese and Hawaiians are good body punches. Bobo Olson showed that to us when he defeated Randy Turpin and Kid Gavilan. The boys in the Far East particularly, show little cleverness but are aggressive. They don't tire easily. They have a lot of stamina. Former featherweight champion Akiyoshi Akunuma who stopped Jackie Trillana of the Philippines, in Manila on April 25, is a good infighter.

In Los Angeles Suey Welch, famous West Coast manager and promoter, tossed a newspapermen's party in my honor at his Sportsmen's Club and the topic of discussion for the evening was the coming Charles-Marciano fight, the performance of Olson in the fight with Gavilan and the rise of Andrade in the ratings. It was the opinion of the scribes that Andrade can take either Carter or De Marco and an effort will be made to sign the winner of their coming fight to meet Andrade. They call him the next world lightweight king.

UPON my arrival in Hong Kong, British service men stationed in the garrison in Kowloon, recognized me as I passed by and invited me to talk to them. The majority have been stationed here for two years in the territorial service and have another year to go before seeing their native land again. An American or British visitor is always welcomed.

The boys at the Garrison were eager for information on Earl Walls the Canadian heavyweight king; Don Cockell, British Empire champion; Rocky Marciano and Randy Turpin. My presence immediately started the boys discussing fights. One lad, in particular, was happy to see me.

"I have a wager with my pal. I say that Dempsey was twice whipped by Tunney. My friend says they fought only once. My comrades here who know boxing have told him I am right but he won't take their word. He told me to write to your British office in London for the correct answer but here you are, so we'll leave it to you."

After I settled the dispute, the winner got his money and all hands were happy.

"Has Cockell any chance of beating Marciano? Could Dempsey have whipped Joe Louis, each in their prime? Will Marciano hold on to the heavyweight title as long as did Joe Louis. Could Rocky have beaten the Brown Bomber when Joe was at his best? Will Cockell again whip Harry Kid Matthews when they clash in London on June 1?"

THOSE are the types of queries one must answer when he visits an army camp or a servicemen's hospital. It is the same the world over.

I had similar questions fired at me when I visited the boys at Tripler Hospital in Honolulu, one of the most modern, best equipped institutions put to use by Uncle Sam for our boys. I went to the Tuberculosis, Isolation Ward and though I couldn't spend too much time there because of restrictions, I brought some joy to the lads who were happy to have me visit them and talk on boxing.

Boxing, I have found, is the subject that most interests the men in the armed forces, whether in hospitals where they are recuperating or in the garrisons where they toil and sweat it out while awaiting their discharge and trip back to the States or to their native England.

They fire away with query after query and then come the arguments, pro and con, based on my opinions. Often the boys don't agree with me and then the open discussions make the session a most enjoyable one.

It all proves the popularity of boxing as a world sport. It's not all commercialism. What a pity that our big time promoters don't realize that. There's far more to boxing than the money one can take in at the gate and my world flight has convinced me of it more so than ever.

I always regard it a privilege to talk about the game to the service men, no matter what the nationality of the boys in uniform. I found myself just as much at home amidst the Japs who couldn't understand my English and had to have my words translated as I did among the Americans, the British and the Siamese.

THERE is a New York boxing development which excites the interest of all well-wishers of boxing in the big city.

NATIONAL AAU 1954 CHAMPS

112 pounds—Charles Branch, Philadelphia, Pa.
119 pounds—Stanley Fitzgerald, Buffalo, N. Y.
125 pounds—Garnet Hart, Philadelphia, Pa.
132 pounds—Robert Shell, New York, N. Y.
139 pounds—William Ramos, New Bedford, Mass.
147 pounds—Joseph Bethea, Seattle, Wash.
156 pounds—John Houston, Oakland, Cal.
165 pounds—Donald McCray, Roxbury, Mass.
178 pounds—Warren Lester, Baltimore, Md.
Heavyweight—Reuben Vargas, San Francisco, Cal.

The Eastern Parkway club, rid of troubles having to do with taxes, has yielded its locale to a new outfit called the Continental.

The IBC has moved out of the St. Nicholas arena, and fights will be continued there by an organization called the London Sporting Club, which has been promoting wrestling there for several years.

At this time, both Eastern Parkway and St. Nicholas plan to hold their fights on Monday nights, giving television fans the choice of two shows.

Whether this Monday night rivalry is going to be a good thing for either club, or for boxing, or for ring television, is very much open to question.

Are there enough fighters to throw into the rival shows? Isn't there a chance that the two shows will lead to a glut in the TV market?

There are reports around New York that the International Boxing Guild, made up of fight managers, is veering toward getting mixed up in promotions.

The managers have their line of business, and the promoters have their own, and never should the two get tangled up.

There is such a thing as killing the goose that laid the golden eggs. So many of those geese were murdered in the past.

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THE recent announcement by the New York Boxing Commission that it would insure retirement of all main bout referees at the age of 55 and Judges and other referees at 64 makes this corner reiterate a plan that we have been urging for a long long time.

The New York Commission should open a school for all its referees and judges, with examinations to determine mental fitness and a high level of efficiency.

Rather than make any age of retirement mandatory it would be wiser to have annual physical examinations and retirement be based on the physical and mental fitness of the officials, rather than on age.

It further might be considered a proper modus operandi to set standards based on mental and physical examination for all judges and referees rather than use the political fitness test for applicants to boxing's officialdom.

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CHARLEY ROSE diminutive bundle of energy who has been managing fighters for close to fifty years has been elected to act as the U. S. representative for a new boxing organization calling itself the Australian Boxing Club. He was recently in The Ring office checking on the records, readying a group of hopefuls for a trip *Down Under*.

RECENTLY the wires have been humming with the same old high powered incendiaries. . . . "District attorney investigating fixed fights in New York." This has been happening periodically ever since I first covered the boxing beat some 50 years ago. And as has usually happened when such rumors have started they have been refuted at the source.

District Attorney Hogan stated that he was not investigating any fixed fights and referred reporters to the New York State Boxing Commission which had this to say: "The Commission maintains constant scrutiny over all matters pertaining to affairs under its jurisdiction."

In short if there is to be an investigation into anything

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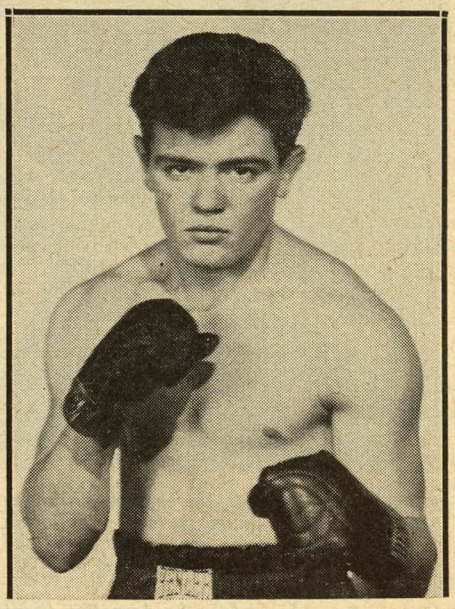
SEEN on TV

Georgie Johnson, Hard punching Trenton, N. J. middleweight, who made an impressive TV debut by kayoing Moses Ward. Johnson had won 17 straight.

Bobby Jones, Oakland, Calif. middleweight, whose kayo of Gil Turner has moved him into the ratings. Bobby is shown with his two oldest sons.



Dennis Pat Brady, Veteran crowd pleasing lightweight from the Bronx, New York City, who is back in the fistic spotlight.

Joey Klein

"THE Jewel of the East Side", diamond setter by trade, fighter by choice, that is Joey Klein, New York's slam-bang welterweight threat.

One of five children, Joey first started hanging around the gym on lower Second Avenue with his older brother Paul who wanted to be a boxer. A few years later when Paul was turned down by the doctors as physically unfit to enter the Golden Gloves tourney, Joey took his place.

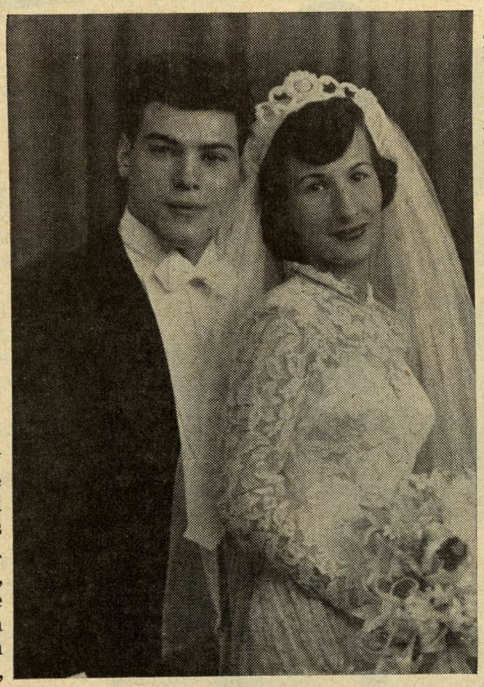
He had only a few amateur fights before turning pro on January, 13, 1951 at Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn. Joey scored a three round kayo over Tommy McElveen in his debut. His action style made him a big hit with the fans and matchmakers, and within a year, he was fighting main bouts in the smaller clubs.

Although he lost to Carmine Fiore, and Danny Giovanelli in his big time debuts, his fine showings brought him back again. He has since beaten Freddy (Babe) Herman, Rocky Casillo, kayoed Casillo and lost in thrilling bouts to Al Andrews and Jed Black.

In 36 fights, Klein has won 22 and boxed five draws. Joey has scored wins over Pat Manzi, Richie Reed, Bobby Elliott, Lou Vope, Al Robbins, and Joe Tomasello. While not a kayo puncher, his is a fine left hooker who is improving with every fight.

Married a little over a year, 21 year old Joey is a handsome blue eyed lad, He is the only fighter of Jewish extraction among the headliners in American rings.

He has been seen on network TV seven times. Irving Cohen is his manager.



Joey Klein, Tough east side, New York welterweight is shown with his pretty wife Lynne.

Georgie Johnson

A NEW face to the TV audience, Trenton, New Jersey's Georgie Johnson, made an auspicious debut on the Video network by belting out tough Moses Ward in five rounds. Ward who had become a favorite with the TV fans in his previous appearances, ran into a storm of leather in the fourth round, and again in the fifth he was engulfed in a sea of gloves causing the referee to stop the fight, giving Georgie another win.

The kayo of Ward was Johnson's 21st. knockout in 31 fights of which he has won 27.

Georgie was born 24 years ago in Sneads, Fla. but has spend most of his life in Trenton where he now lives with his wife Edith and their four children, two boys and two girls.

Following his graduation from school, he worked as a busboy and later driving a truck. He first became interested in boxing at the C.Y.O. and in 1948 entered the amateur ranks. Georgie compiled an impressive record as a simon-pure winning all but three of his fights in two years, twice he won both the New Jersey A.A.U. and Golden Glove championships.

Upon turning pro in 1950 he won six straight, five by kayoes. In his next two bouts he dropped an eight round decision to the clever veteran Charley Williams, whom he later defeated in 12 rounds for the New Jersey State welterweight title and kayoed in five in defense of that crown.

Owner of a jolting left hook and hard right cross, he is a fast stepping lad, who can box as well as punch. Georgie has kayoed the former lightweight king Ike Williams, Bobby Mann, Billy Gordon, Clarence Sampson, Gene Burton, Frankie Anselm, Joe Tomasello and Rudy Zadell, while beating Luther Rawlings, Terry Moore, Al Warner and Sammy Walker.

Of Seminole Indian descent, Georgie is a solidly built 5 ft. 8½ inch, middleweight.

Bobby Jones

A DURABLE, aggressive boxer from Oakland, California, Bobby Jones caused quite a stir in the boxing world when he punched his way to an upset

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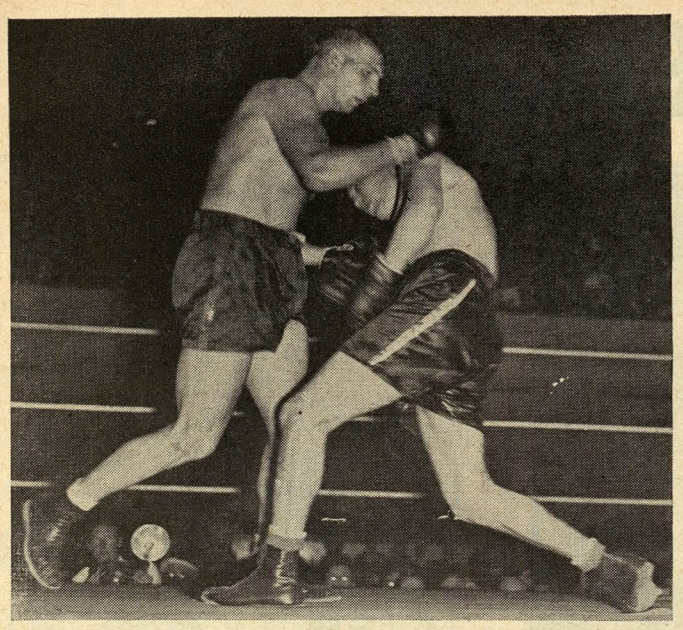
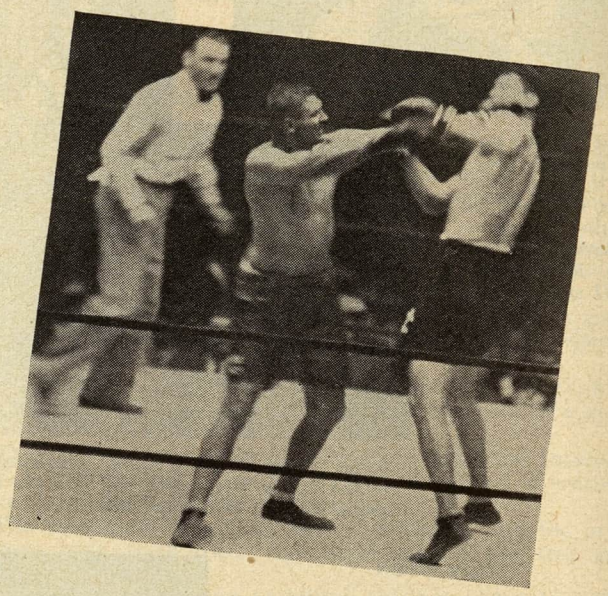
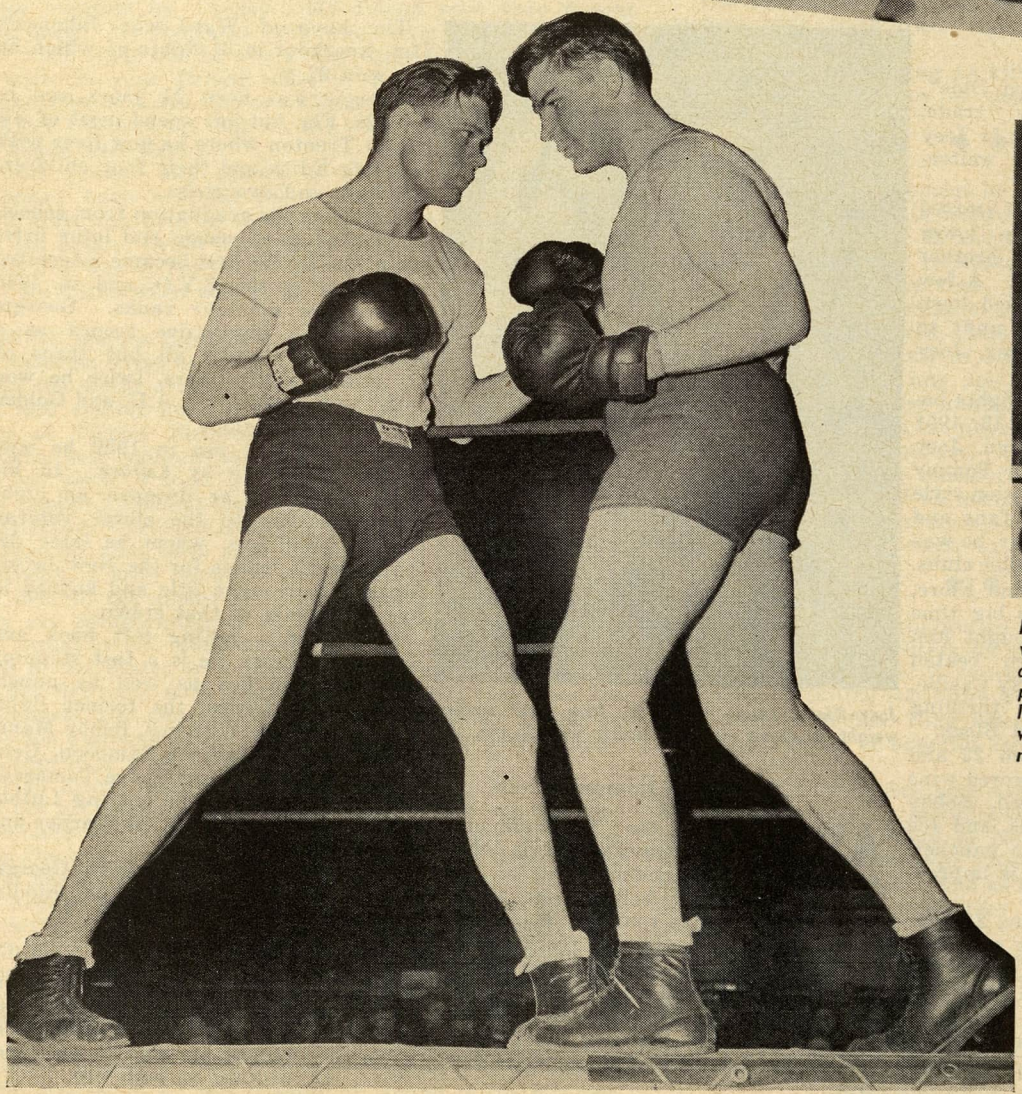
Era of . . . Heavy Giants



Ray Impellettiere (left), the huge New York Italian who weighed over 270 pounds and measured six foot, seven inches tall, bludgeons Andre Lenglet of France, who was no midget himself, during their bout in San Francisco in 1936.

Vittorio Campolo (right), the Argentine Giant, all of six feet, nine inches and 235 pounds, is barely reached by Phil Scott, over six foot three himself, but the latter scaled the heights to decision Campolo back in 1929 in New York City.





Primo Carnera, the Ambling Alp who towered six feet, five and three quarter inches and weighed 265 pounds, bear-hugs little Jim Maloney in Boston in 1930. Maloney won the ten rounder, handing Carnera his first defeat in the States.

Mastadons of Maul. Gilbert Stromquist, of Austin, Tex., who was six feet, eight inches tall and weighed 247 pounds, squares off with Ben Moroz, of Philadelphia, who towered seven feet, one inch and scaled 291 pounds, before their fight at Madison Square Garden in 1943. Moroz scored a four round kayo.

by Lewis Eskin

THERE is something majestic about an enormous object. Size always has impressed man. Since erection of the Colossus of Rhodes, immensity has been ballyhooed and exploited. Whether it be a large animal, structure, natural formation or an oversized human, man is interested.

In bygone days, the Cardiff Giant, and Jumbo the elephant had great drawing powers in the entertainment world. Even today, the giant stuffed Whale touring the country has been drawing large crowds which marvel at it's stupendous size.

At the Zoos Elephants and Hippos draw the crowds. In sideshows of carnivals and circuses the Giant and Fat Lady receive major attention. In Basketball the seven footers are becoming the rule instead of the exception.

Boxing, too, has had its share of giants, some fighters of ability, others just freaks who because of their size were built up as attractions on a diet of setups and tankers. From the earliest days these pachyderms of the squared circle have drawn important attention. One of the first freaks of the ring was Charley Freeman a 320 pounder who stood 6 ft. 10½ inches tall. During the Gay 90's there Henry Johnson "The Human Sky Scrapper" of Ottawa, Canada. Henry towered a mere 7 foot 2 and weighed 270 pounds. Also active around this time was Ed Dunkhorst, 6 foot 5, who also scaled over the 260 mark.

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During the White Hope Era, prodigious farmers, miners, lumberjacks and cowboys were foisted on the boxing fans as likely to end the reign of Jack Johnson. There were a few with above average ability who made names for themselves. Carl Morris, Fred Fulton and Luther McCarty all were highly touted. All of this ballyhoo was not wasted as it was a giant, a slow moving, quiet farmer from Kansas who did oust Johnson. Under a broiling sun at Havana, Cuba, on April 5th. 1915, Jess Willard toppled Jack from the throne in twenty six rounds.

Jess, a 6 foot 6 in., 250 pounder, was more a strongman than a fighter. He was cut to size four years later by Jack Dempsey whom he hulked over at Toledo.

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During the next decade there were few giants active. Only Harry Wills and George Godfrey possessed ability to match their size.

The era from 1928 to 1944 saw more oversized fighters active than at any other time in boxing history. It was truly the "Era of Heavy Giants".

Some were good, some were fair and some were just plain awful. Yet this period produced a champion in the "Ambling Alp" Primo Carnera, and two of Joe Louis' challengers, Buddy Baer and Abe Simon.

Carnera, a circus strongman, who under the guidance of skilful and devious hands was manufactured into a title-holder. Primo, for all his 6 foot 6 inches, and 260 pounds could not fight. He only had strength and courage to recommend him, though near the end of his career, when he was on his own without tankers and setups, Carnera learned a little about his trade and become a journeyman. It was too late to do him much good. Today his size and strength are put to good use as a wrestler.

Baer and Simon were two of the best of this period. Buddy, a strapping 6 foot 6 and 245 pounds, was the younger brother of Max, who had won the championship from Carnera. Buddy fought from 1934 to 1942, reaching his peak in 1941 when he knocked Louis out of the ring in the first round of their bout in Washington, D. C., which he lost on a disqualification to Joe in seven rounds. A year later Louis halted Buddy in one round. Baer retired from the ring, and now is a successful actor and singer.

Abe Simon, a New Yorker, who is now a referee, also faced the "Brown Bomber" twice. He was stopped by Joe in 13 rounds after a great fight, but fell before the Louis return bout jinx in six rounds. A huge 6 foot 4 and 260 pounds, Abe fought from 1935 to 1942 and scored a kayo over Jersey Joe Walcott.

From all over the world came the giants. From the Argentine, Vittorio and Valentine Campolo and Jorge Brescia. Vittorio a good fighter, was active from 1925–31. Scaling over 250, he stood 6 foot 9. His 6 foot 5 inch brother Valentine was active from 1934 to 1940. Brescia, 220 and 6 foot 4½ fought Louis in one of Joe's toughest fights before he became champion.

Besides Carnera, Italy sent Arthur DeKuh, a 220 pounder who was 6 foot 4. Knute Hansen, a 210 pound 6 foot 4 inch Dane, and Jose Santa a 6 foot 9 slugger from Portugal who scored 38 kayos in 59 fights during 1927–33 added to the gaiety of the giant carnival.

Homegrown entries included Chuck Crowell, a 6 foot 5 inch 225 pounder from California, who had an impressive amateur record. Chuck was highly touted, but a weak chin was his undoing. He fought from 1937 to 1943, kayoing 26 of his 63 foes.

Ray Impellitiere, an imposing 270 pound 6 foot 7 inch New Yorker, seemed headed for the top, until he was halted by little Bob Pastor. A good boxer for a big man Ray was active during the early and middle thirties.

Out of Philadelphia in the late '30s came the giant of them all, 7 foot, 300 pound Ben Moroz. Ben was a good boxer, but couldn't punch hard for all of his size. He stayed around until 1946 when he retired. Ben won 20 of his 37 fights, 17 by knockouts. He also had a glass jaw, being stopped six times. Three of Ben's kayos were over another seven footer, 250 pound Texan Gil Stromquist. Gil, who had size and nothing else, was active from 1942 to 1945. He has since fought once in 1951, and once in 1952. Poor Gil won only 6 of his fights, being kayoed 15 times. In 1943–44 he was flattened 13 times in a row. Timber!

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Other big boys all over 6 foot 4 included Jack Trammell, Roy Ace Clark, Clayton Worlds and Elza Thompson. While not a heavyweight, 6 foot 6 middleweight Neal Stokes of St. Louis, who fought in 1944–45, was felled 9 times in 13 fights.

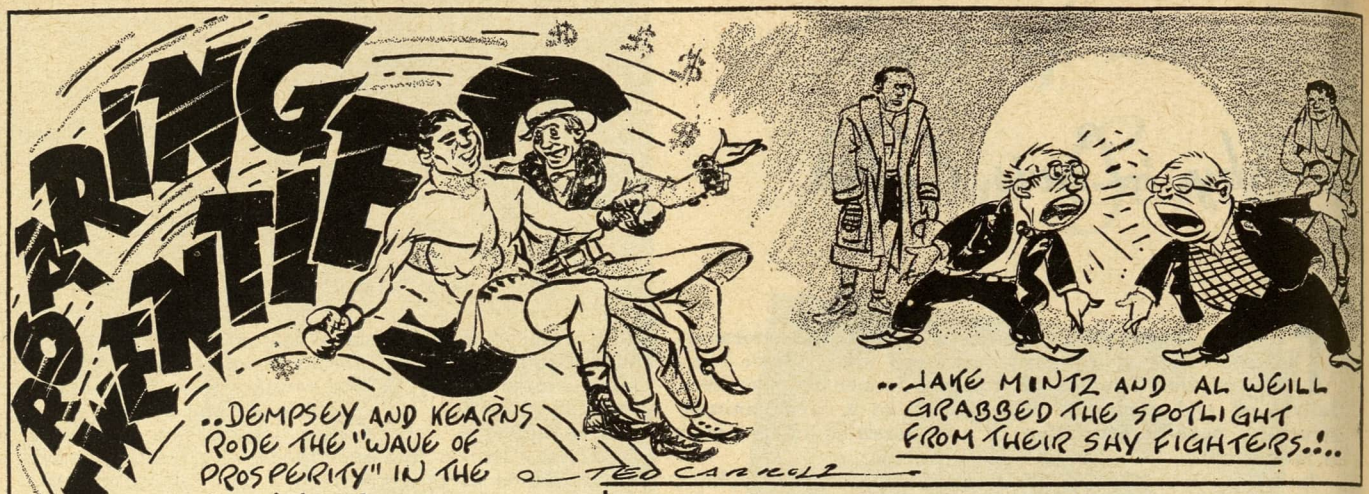
A few years ago the public was treated to an Irish Mamouth in seven foot 4 inch, Jim Cully, 275 pounds of "fighting demon". Jim had one fight in America. He was almost killed by a rank amateur in Buffalo, N. Y.

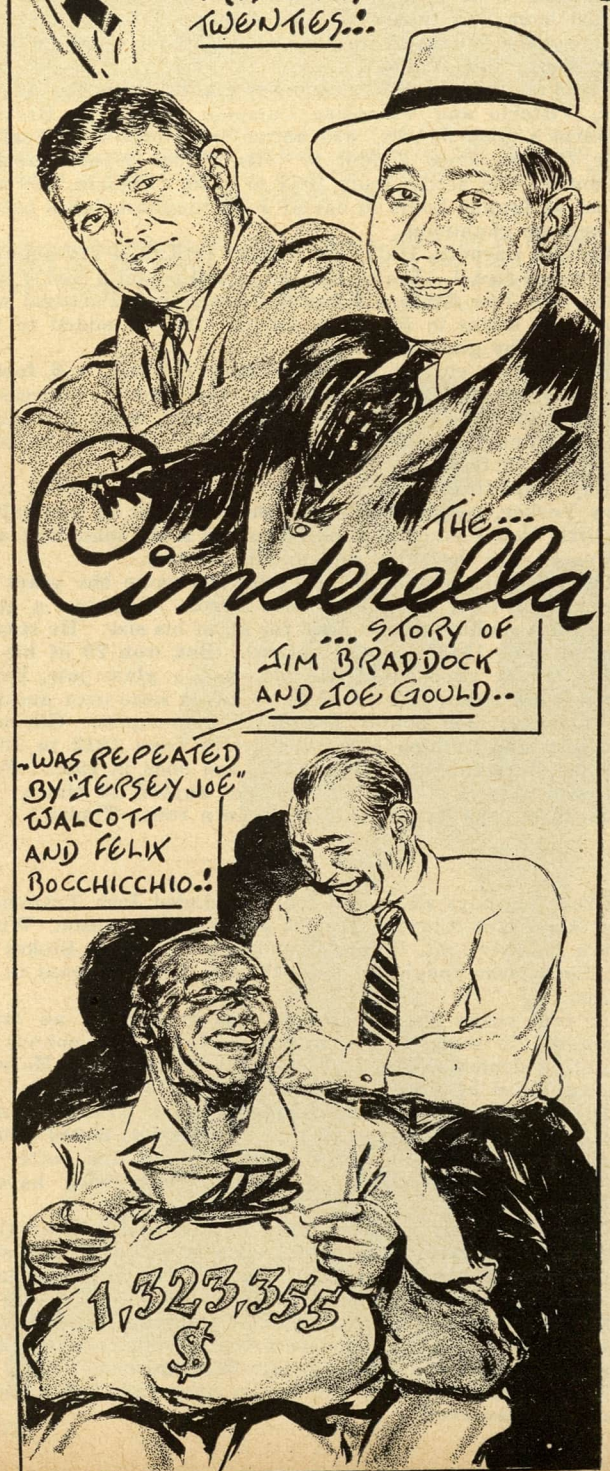
In recent years two Californians, Hank Thurman, a 6 foot 5, 210 pounder, and George Parmentier, a 240 pound 6 foot 6 inch lad, have been active. Hank, the better of the two, defeated James J. Parker and twice kayoed George.

Now from Italy we hear tales of Milo Maligoli, another seven foot Goliath. 270 pound Milo is 7 foot 1 and still growing. He has yet to fight, but his trainer, American Steve Klaus, insists he is no freak.

However, with the comparatively normal sized Rocky Marciano and Ezzard Charles on the top rungs among the heavies, the Era of Giants appears to be finished.

The Bigger they are, The harder they fall, has greater meaning than ever.





A RUNDOWN of the roster of heavyweight champions of the past 30 years or so brings to mind the major roles played by their managers in reaching the pugilistic pinnacle. When you think of such heavyweight kings as Max Schmeling, Jim Braddock, Jack Dempsey, Max Baer, Jersey Joe Walcott, Jack Sharkey, Ezzard Charles, Joe Louis or the current king Rocky Marciano, the names of Joe Jacobs, Joe Gould, Jack Kearns, Ancil Hoffman, Felix Bocchicchio, Johnny Buckley, Jake Mintz, John Roxborough, and Al Weill, impose themselves simultaneously on one's recollections.

All gained fame coincident with the success of the fighters they managed, and in every case the boys had it coming to them. While few of them would qualify in popularity contests, and all of them reaped their share of griping criticism, they had as much to do with the success of the boxers as the pugilists themselves.

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The principals in the Ezzard Charles-Rocky Marciano heavyweight title match have managers whose mannerisms and manipulations have amused, aggravated, and astounded the public, but always in the best interests of their charges as they saw it. Kind words are seldom directed towards Al Weill, yet his stoutest detractors yield to a grouchy admiration of the manueverings which brought heavy fisted Rocky the big title.

It is significant that Weill fighters, active or retired, are never numbered among his fault-finders, nor do any of them ever attempt rebellion, or make managerial changes. When Lou Ambers called it quits, Weill took the commendable precaution of signing the Herkimer Hurricane to a ten year contract, thereby safeguarding Ambers against any tendencies towards an ill advised comeback under less concerned direction. As Rocky tells it, he read about this in the paper, "and when I saw that," he says, "I figured that kind of a manager was the one for me."

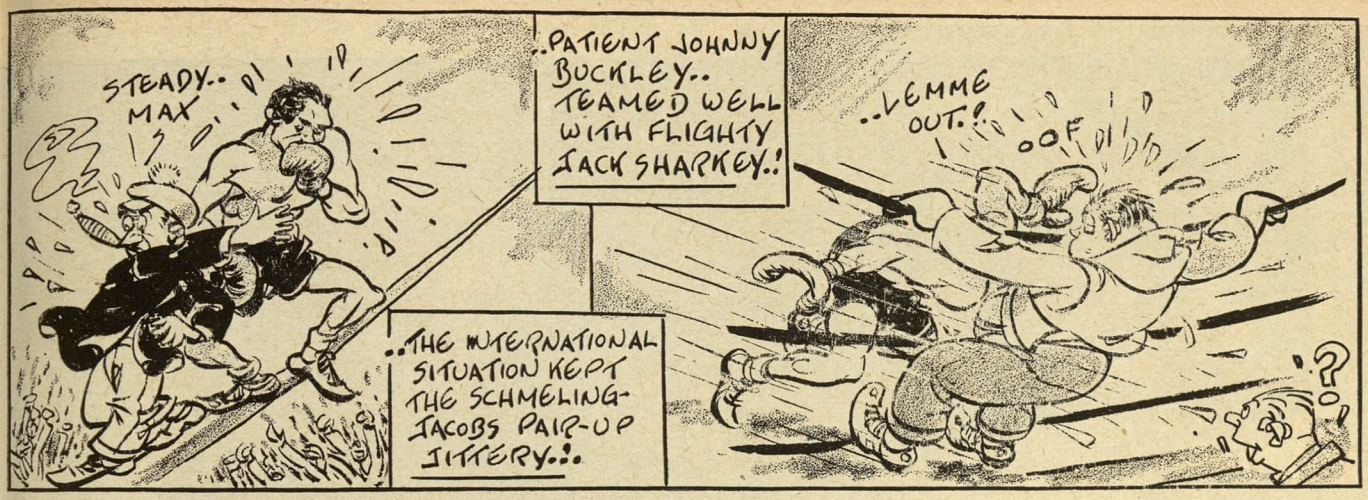
Marciano has had no reason to regret this step. According to reports, the team of Marciano and Weill took in $450,000 in 1953, not bad for a young man who at best, faced a future on a work bench in the shoe factories of Brockton, Massachusetts had he not tried his fortune in the ring. There are no better answers than 6 figured sums to the brickbats which have been aimed at Al these many years, and which have bounced off his hide as though it were armor plated with the golden metal he has collected for himself and his fighters.

Rocky's rival, Ez Charles, has this in common with Marciano, in that Jake Mintz, although only a co-manager with Tom Tannas, does the scene stealing in the Charles set-up. The American public first became afflicted with Mintz when he flopped to the ring floor in a dead faint, the night Ez won a claim to the heavyweight title by beating Jersey Joe Walcott in Chicago.

Among the startled crowd was Mrs. Mintz, who made a panicky rush to the side of her stricken spouse as he was being revived. As Jake regained himself, his terrified wife gasped, "Jake, Jake, are you all right?"

"Of course," was the reply, "why do you ask?"

Answers and antics such as this have left hearers and observers in bewilderment, since Jake's Chicago fade-out, but Mintz is all that has saved the subdued and spotlight-



Managers Vital in Heavyweight Success

by TED CARROLL

dodging Charles from complete submergence. Jake's devotion to his fighter appears genuine and the noise and nonsense which have become his trademark have never done the cause of Charles any harm.

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Of all the mentors who have guided boxers to fame and fortune none has done a better job than that turned in by Felix Bocchicchio of Camden, N. J., who talked his fellow townsman, Jersey Joe Walcott, an overaged heavy-weight has-been, then working on a city dump truck, with a king sized and destitute family to boot, into taking another fling at boxing back in 1945.

In the crowded years that followed, the team of Felix Bocchicchio and Jersey Joe Walcott piled up a stratospheric sum of $1,323,355 in purses. Using some sort of legerdemain which is even more amazing in retrospect, Felix fantastically phenagled old Jersey Joe into 5 chances at the heavyweight title before they finally hit the jackpot in the fifth attempt against Charles, in Pittsburgh in 1951. As if this weren't enough, Jersey Joe got a sixth chance at the crown in a farcical return with Marciano last year, in which the Jerseyman pulled a sit-down strike which struck gold to the score of $260,000 for 2 minutes of "what-was-it".

To his everlasting credit Jersey Joe is not unaware of Felix' contribution to his welfare. When the man from Camden, N. J. was bedded with a heart attack last year, the boxer refused to make any kind of move or commitment until he was sure Bocchicchio was going to be all right.

Hardboiled and on the sinister side, Felix has never asked nor expected any favors in personality treatment, but it remained for Dan Parker, noted for frankness in such matters, to paint a picture of Felix much different from the usual portrayal. Wrote Mr. Parker, following the first Walcott-Marciano fight. . . " . . . as Jersey Joe was being counted out, a fortune in bets was being lost by Felix, so I threw a quick glance at him to see how he was taking it. I could see no other emotion on his face but compassion for his fighter so I guess the guy must have class in his own way."

MAX Schmelling has been in the news of late for one reason or another, and the sound of the German's name always brings an echo of Joe Jacobs. This pair faced as difficult a dilemma as any duo ever did. The Hitler terror in Germany had piled the pressure on both the Jewish manager and the German fighter, and there was a menacing undercurrent of dissatisfaction on both sides of the Atlantic over their relationship. Jacobs' connection with Schmeling was not popular over here, and no one knows yet how Max was able to reconcile the Nazis to the Jacobs tie-up over there.

But both of them did it somehow, the combination worked well for Schmeling who made a great deal of money with Jacobs and kept most of it. The New Yorker who had actually "won" the title for the German in the first place, by tossing a tantrum which decided the wavering officials in the German's favor as he bleated "Foul" on the canvas in his first fight with Jack Sharkey in 1930, earned his keep through that single exploit.

Whether it was gratitude that kept the German loyal to little Joey, or the realization that any ditching of his Jewish manager would have washed him up over here, is uncertain, but Jacobs, a shrewd operator, and ballyhooer par excellence, is a prime example of how necessary an appendage, a live wire manager is to a heavyweight title accomplishment.

Even after Joe Gould had passed on, Jim Braddock still collected his share of Louis' earnings. Gould was a manager who not only took good care of his fighter's interests —and his own—while the boxer was active he came up with a brand new gimmick, a percentage of the joint earnings of Mike Jacobs and Joe Louis, as long as Joe was champion, for himself and Braddock in return for their sidetracking Schmeling in favor of Louis in 1937.

Gould, the Jersey City rabbi's son, and James J., the Hoboken stevedore stayed together until Gould departed this world. Only Gould, and Gould alone could have seen any further prospects in the worn and weary retired light heavyweight, who, harassed by economic necessity, was tossed into the ring against highly touted Corn Griffin back in 1934. What happened is history. Gould and Braddock went on from there to the Worlds Title in A Cinderella Story of the Ring.

The association between Gould and Braddock was about as complete as any relationship between fighter and manager could be. They joined the armed services together, and operated joint business ventures after Jim's fighting days were done.

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The Charles-Mintz situation was reversed in the persons of astute Ancil Hoffman and showboating Max Baer. Here it was the manager who was the subdued personality, but a most potent one nonetheless. Already a business success when he took a flyer at fight managing, Hoffman communicated much of his acumen to Baer, who despite his apparent carefree way with a dollar, caught on rapidly, and is comfortably fixed today, with a substantial annuity which takes good care of him. Hoffman's tactics, while not flamboyant, were most effective since he concentrated on the business end of the deals and had no superior at handling money matters.

Most spectacular of all the pairups was the fabled Dempsey and Kearns combination who stumbled upon each other when both were fortune's step-children. They took off on a zooming adventure which rocketed them up to the heights of prosperity, common to the Roaring Twenties, catapulted them into a courtroom clash which left them both pretty much the way they started and brewed a feud

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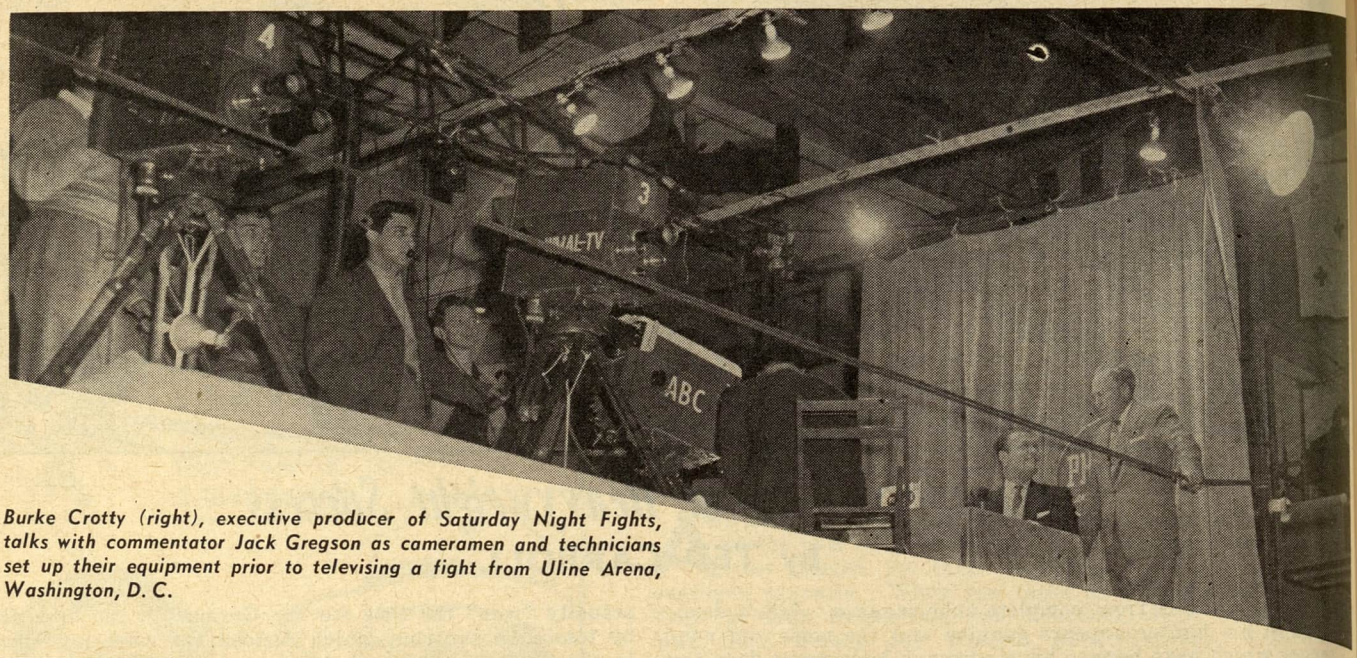

Burke Crotty (right), executive producer of Saturday Night Fights, talks with commentator Jack Gregson as cameramen and technicians set up their equipment prior to televising a fight from Uline Arena, Washington, D. C.

TV & Boxing

By JOHNNY SALAK

THE telefusion, left in the wake of the eruption of the not too peaceful dealings between the DuMont Television Network and the Eastern Parkway Arena over the screening of Monday night fights, has seen some important changes in the video picture.

The Parkway, under a new organization, moves to the ABC-TV Network, and DuMont, desirous of keeping its strong position with the sports fan audience, will feature bouts emanating from the St. Nicholas Arena, in New York. Both clubs will run on Monday night, which makes it pretty much of a cut-throat competition from here in. We trust the bouts will be as fiercely fought as the legal battle.

The bickering and battling, which at times took weird turns, reached its height at a New York State Athletic Commission hearing where, oddly enough, everyone seemingly went home happy and unhurt—you might say pleased as "punch." If anyone took a beating, it was boxing.

Where it all started no one will ever know, or, if they do know, they are not saying for publication. Money, naturally, was the breaking point between DuMont and Eastern Parkway Arena.

While Promoter Emil Lence, of the Parkway, was paying commission taxes on an $8,000 a week figure, DuMont counter-charged that it had been giving the club a weekly stipend of $12,000 from October 12, 1953, though $2,500 of that was earmarked for the post-show "Ringside Interviews." That still left a figure of $9,500 per show instead of $8,000, a matter the Commission became exactingly interested in.

From May 10, 1952 to May 10, 1954, when their two year contract ended, Dumont had paid the Parkway about $975,000, which included approximately $35,000 in additional rights fees. The Commission fined Lence, promoter of the Parkway fights, $50 for each of the 28 instances in which the tax was not paid, totally $1,400, plus requiring him to pay the taxes due.

Lence's break with DuMont, and the tie-up he would have had with ABC-TV, only meant a matter of $500 more a week but the important point, to his mind, was that ABC-TV would back the promoter—financially—in trying to obtain more important bouts.

However, Lence, under the new set-up, steps out of any financial or executive interest in the promotions and is merely listed as being in an advisory, non-salaried, capacity with the new organization, Continental Sports Events.

Joe Arata, who had been Lence's press agent, takes over as president and promoter, with Teddy Brenner occupying his familiar post of matchmaker. Their contract with ABC-TV is for $12,500 a week, for 104 weeks. Main event fighters, during the summer season, will receive $2,900 each, with the promise that the figure will be stepped up later on.

With Tex Sullivan, veteran fight promoter and matchmaker, heading another organization, the London Sporting Club, Inc., approved at the same Commission meeting, the DuMont Television Network signed a two year contract with them to video the bouts, "Monday Night Fights," weekly from the St. Nicholas Arena, starting May 17. The network is paying the Sporting Club $12,150 for each card, which will include a main event, a semi-final and a set of prelims. Chris Schenkel is sticking by DuMont and remains as the blow-by-blow commentator.

The telecasts, starting at 9:00 PM, New York time, and concluding at 11:00 PM, allow for a final 15 minutes, approximately, show of ringside interviews with fight celebrities.

The new series of fights from St. Nick's moved to DuMont station affiliates on a cooperative basis, which means that they are fed to local stations and are made available to sponsorship by local and regional advertisers. In the past, 60 stations have been carrying the fights and it is expected that the figure will increase rather than decrease. The Managers' Guild and Sullivan reached an agreement whereby the main event fighters will receive $2,100 each in TV money.

The switch of Parkway fights from DuMont to ABC-TV gives those promotions outlets on the Pacific Coast and in

Texas. A kinescope of the fights will be beamed out of New York at one in the morning to hit the West Coast at ten in the evening previous.

No doubt, for the time being, that fact that there are five network TV boxing shows will provide sterner competition between the clubs as they try to round up matches and obtain the services of fighters. Surely, DuMont and ABC-TV will go all-out in an effort to outdo each other. But for how long this condition will prevail is a moot question. With the scarcity of ring talent, it will be difficult to week-after-week supply the demands of five shows with fighters worthy of being on national hook-ups.

The Friday night (NBC-TV) and Wednesday night (CBS-TV) programs, the two big ones and both I.B.C. promotions, are secure. Occasionally they might lose a fighter they would want to use to one of the smaller productions. But in the long run the lure of the TV dollar will win away any one "developed" on the two Monday night shows or the Saturday night affair.

Rumors ran riot in the midst of all the dealings—and counter-dealings—between various promoters and the TV networks.

For a time it appeared that Fred Kohler, Chicago wrestling promoter, and Irving Schoenwald, Chicago fight promoter, would move in to take over the Parkway's spot with DuMont. Also mentioned as probable places for the telecasts of fights in this fierce battle (with fixed antennas, yet) were Newark and Teaneck, with both DuMont and Lence angling and dangling the latter town.

Through all this the powerful International Boxing Managers' Guild has been unusually quiet, like a kid absorbedly watching Howdy Doody but not really believing any of it.

They have stood on the sidelines, quietly nodding their approval and giving the green light to everybody and everything.

For, as this issue goes to press, all of the Guild's TV contracts with promoters will be up for negotiation and, as president Charley Johnston smilingly—knowingly—says, "the Guild will ask for a substantial increase for the boxers."

LES KEITER, recently named sports director of WINS (New York) has also been doing the boxing commentary on fights from Eastern Parkway Arena each Monday night over the same station.

Keiter, who graduated from the University of Washington in June 1941, began his commercial radio career as a summer relief announcer with ABC in Spokane. That fall, via Station KELA in Centralia, Les broke into full-time sportscasting with a slate of high school and junior college sports.

In 1942 he joined the Navy, but didn't leave radio work behind. As Lieutenant Keiter, he was put in charge of the AFRS Station on Peliliu Island in the Pacific.

1946-1947 marked the start of play-by-play broadcasting for Les at Station KFWB in Hollywood, which he continued the following year as sportscaster for the Modesto, California baseball club.

Honolulu then claimed his on-the-air talents in 1949, with Keiter doing "recreated" major league games twice daily, in addition to his first boxing broadcasts featuring the blow-by-blow of weekly Island fights. Les was at his ringside mike for many of world middleweight champion Bobo Olson's early battles.

Outstanding success in Hawaii took him back to the West Coast as sports director of Radio Station KYA in San Francisco. The next three years Les spent airing major league baseball, and gained a "top sportscaster" award for Northern California in an annual newspaper poll of listeners.

Joining the staff of sportscasters for the Associated Oil Company, Les covered Pacific Coast conference football and basketball games, and came to the attention of the National Network Sponsors who selected him to handle telecasts for General Motors and NBC during California and UCLA football encounters.

Les, taking a giant step to New York, was asked to take over as sports director of WINS, where he now also does daily pre-and-post game shows for the New York Yankee baseball broadcasts and a nightly show at 6:30 P.M.

BURKE CROTTY, executive producer for Saturday Night Fights (ABC-TV) has been identified with network tele-

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vision for more than 12 years, beginning with experimental television with John Royal at NBC.

From April 1939 to October 1947 (he was in the U. S. Army 1943-45) he was producer of remote television for NBC, and as such directed the first television presentation of football, baseball, basketball, horse racing, and the Army-Navy Game; the first presidential broadcast from the White House, the first heavyweight championship fight, and numerous others including the first airplane telecast and the first submarine telecast.

In October 1947, he left NBC to become manager of station WMAL-TV in Washington, D. C., putting this station on the air and managing it for the first seven months.

Crotty returned to New York in April 1948, to become executive producer and assistant national program director of the American Broadcasting Company (TV). He resigned this position in June, 1951. As executive producer of ABC, he was responsible for all program production of the network. This included the Metropolitan Opera openings of 1948, 1949 and 1950. In his capacity as executive producer, Mr. Crotty supervised Pulitzer Prize Playhouse, Paul Whiteman, Goodyear, Stop the Music, Date with Judy, and many others.

He produced and directed the premiere broadcasts of five television stations, WNBT (New York, 1939), WMAL (Washington, 1947), WJZ (New York, 1948), WMAQ (Chicago, 1948), and WXYZ (Detroit, 1948).

Crotty got his start in the radio and television industry in 1930-1932 in the mail room at NBC. From 1932 to 1939 he was an art director with the same network.

We were particularly interested in the fact that Crotty was the producer of the first heavyweight fight ever televised. We queried him on it and his memory served him well.

"Apart from the fact that there was a union jurisdictional dispute, there was little difference in its handling than there might be in doing the same job today. The cameras, two were used, were not quite as efficient as those in use today and consequently we had to place them a good deal closer to the ring than we would today. Also, much more light was required then than now but the cameras are today still placed in the same relative positions with regard to the ring and, except for the Saturday Night Fights, the announcers still sit at ringside."

When did all this happen?

"Well, it was just one month after the opening of public television service in America—on June 1, 1939—that the first heavyweight bout was televised—it was the first one between Lou Nova and Max Baer at the Yankee Stadium. Several days were spent in planning the technical pickup and locating a camera platform.

"The spot finally picked was about sixty feet from the

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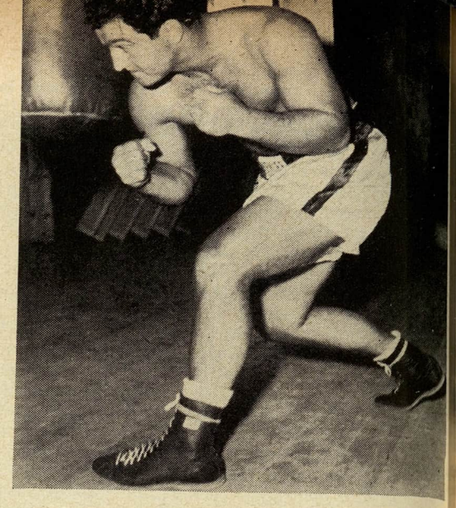
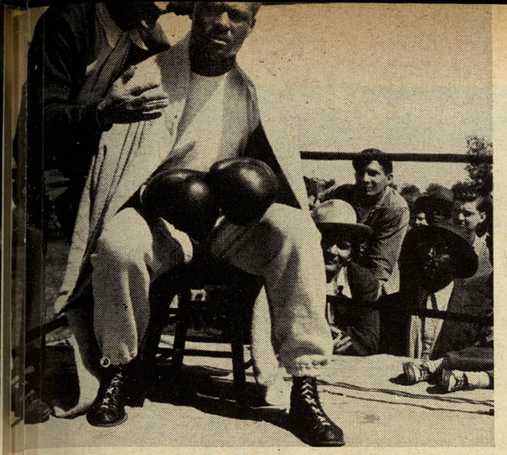
MARIANO CHALES TRAING

Who's Got the Ping Pong? Rocky Marciano engages in a brisk game of table tennis during his training chores. Not a bad racquet.

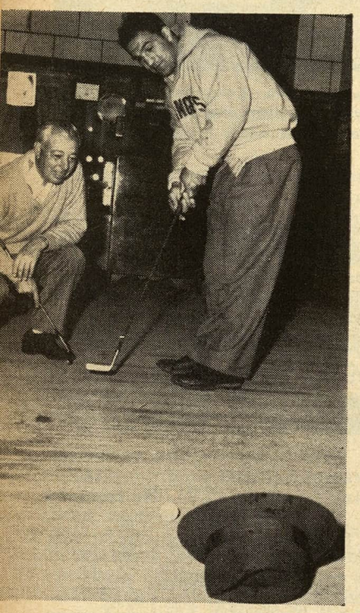


(Right) Marciano strikes—a characteristic pose as he works out on the heavy bag. It's a limbering up exercise.



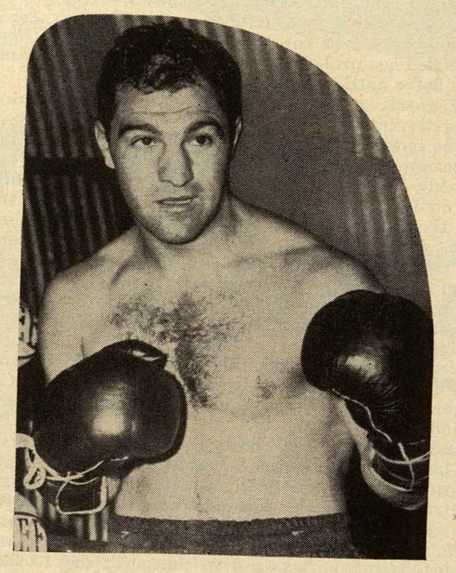
Green Rounds. Ezzard Charles gets some good advice from co-manager Jake Mintz as he works out in his training camp.

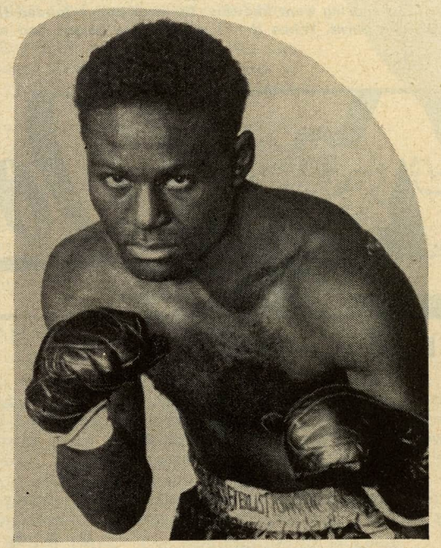
Trot Him Out and I'll Take Him On. Charles has long desired another shot at the title and feels he can take Marciano.



(Left) The Hat Trick. Marciano, with two successful defenses of the heavyweight title, tries to "putt" in the third.

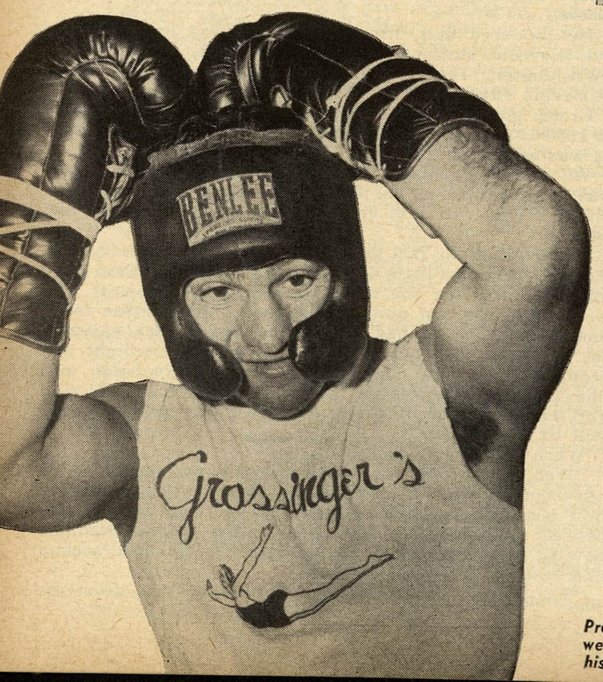
(Right) Rocky Marciano, world heavyweight champ, who meets his severest test to date in challenger Ezzard Charles.

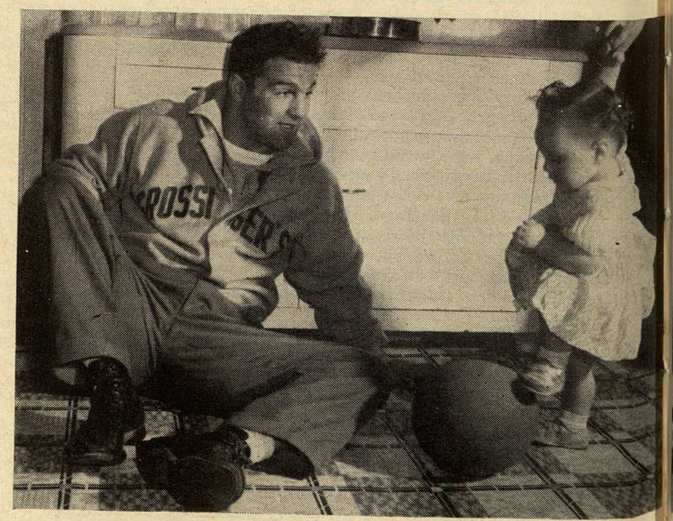




Give 'Im the Axe. Charles is not only content with the tree but also has ideas about cutting Rocky Marciano down.

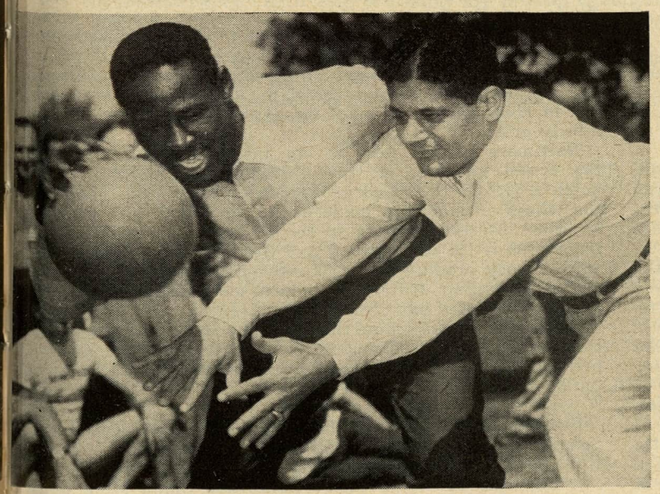
(Left) Ezzard Charles, former heavyweight champ of the world, will attempt to regain the title, a feat which has failed several times.



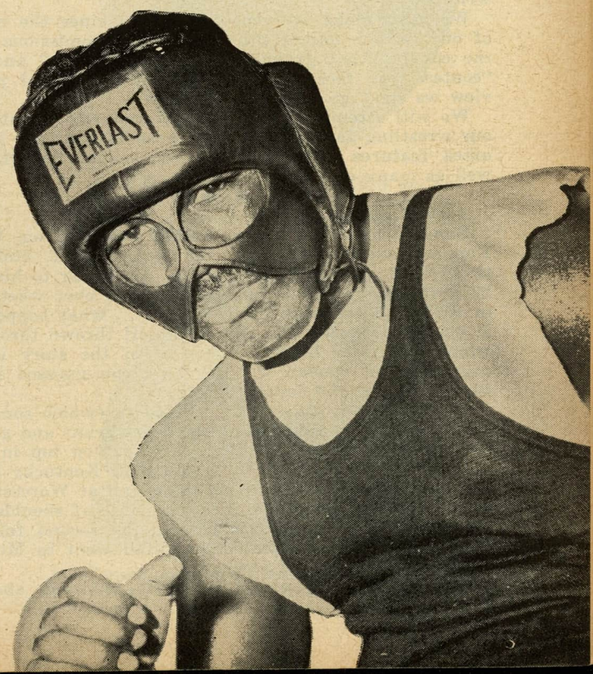


Getting a Big Kick Out of Daddy's training is Rocky's daughter, Mary Ann. The Champ is willing to "catch it" here but not in the ring.

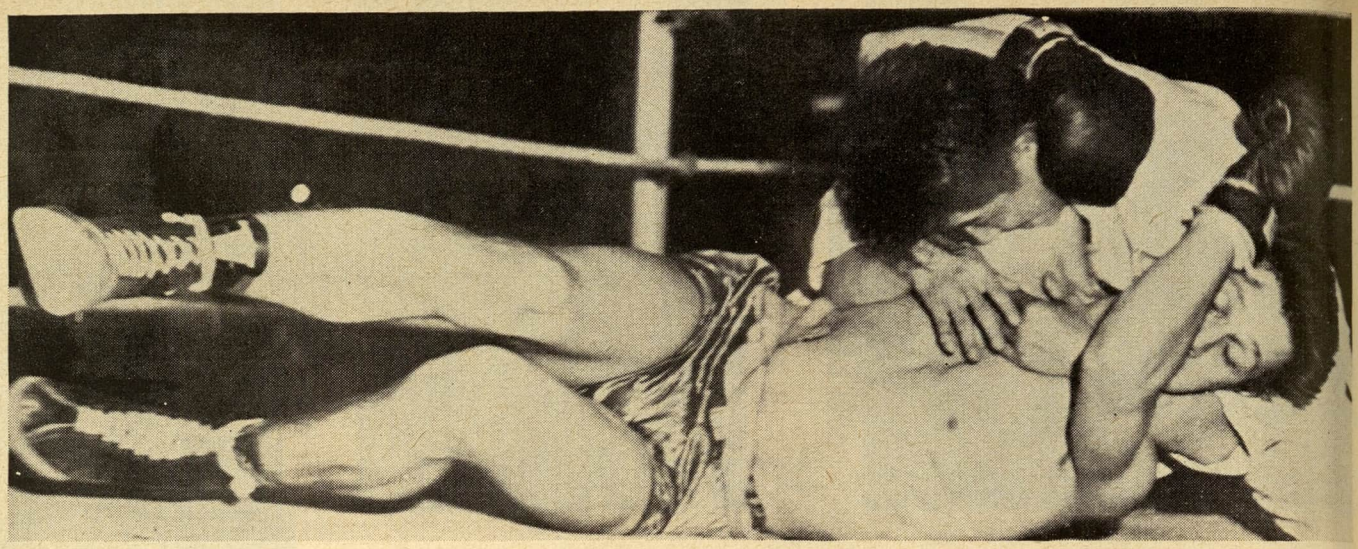
Preparing for a workout, Marciano wearing big training gloves, adjusts his protective headguard.



Charles Has His Eye on the Ball and the heavyweight title as co-manager Tom Tannas gets in on a little pre-fight fun with the former champ.



(Right) Not a Man from Mars just Ezzard Charles, wearing a rubberized mask and headguard while in training.



Tokyo, Japan . . . A boxer and a judo expert mixing it up in a ring to determine which is superior. The experiment was set up with two teams composed of seven boxers and seven judo lads opposing each other. The scoring went like this: for each punch landed the boxers received a point and for each hold and each fall achieved by the judo men they received a point. When it was all over the boxers had won but those at ringside were of the opinion that nothing had been settled.

News of the MAT World

By NAT LOUBET

THIS corner has been bombarded with letters from our readers some of whom deride us for giving the results of matches and others wanting to know why we don't give more results and stack the magazine with more wrestling material.

A line spoken by "The King", in the current Broadway stage hit: "T'is a puzzlement," explains the quandry of the writer.

We can't make everyone happy and since the majority of our readers accept the decision of commissions around the country that grappling is an "exhibition" and not a "contest" we feel that in line with the official point of view we can't go overboard.

We will attempt to pass on any material of interest to our wrestling fans and as space permits will give as many extra features and results of matches of importance as well as many of the lesser bouts.

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Around and on the Mat. . . .

Danger woman at work; An AP release from Wichita, Kansas, gave out the yarn that one Alford T. Storey was thrown out as boss of his family. According to his pretty 22 year old wife an argument developed over whether HE or SHE was the boss of the home . . . what hoppen? . . . It was settled when HE found himself thrown through the window of their home . . . moral of the story is never argue with a woman wrestler . . . you guessed it—Mrs. Storey is a professional grappler.

While on the weaker sex . . . Moolah (which sounds like money to me but turns out to be a gal grunt and groaner) also known as the Slave Girl, came out on top in two of a three finals bout with Daisy Mae, the Kentucky hill gal, in the main event at the Mechanics Hall at Worcester. . . . Moolah took the first fall with a number of shoulder butts at 12:43, came out second best in the second fall via a body press in 8:55. The deciding fall went to Moolah in 4:37 with an extended armlock.

Both were knockouts! . . . Clair Robinson and Luigi Macera groaned their way to a draw at Vancouver, B. C. . . . when the roughing up ended both grapplers were outside the ring and both were unconscious. In a tag team main event Danno McDonald and Roger McKay defeated Buddy Knox and Bud Rattal. . . . Two Mc's took the measure of a couple of wrestling Bud's . . . should have been a lot of groaning commercials.

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Chief Blue Eagle, the Cherokee Indian from Oklahoma, has been a busy boy up Worcester way. . . . On the Moolah-Daisy May card the Chief won in straight falls over Ray Walker of Montreal and in another outing, a main event with Baron Antonio Verdi, no relation to any opera, he again won in straight falls. Ye Chief won the first fall via a disqualification when Verdi refused to break an illegal hold. It being his night to howl the Chief won the second fall in 11:21 with a series of tomahawk blows topped off by a body press.

Baltimore played host to an interesting match when the crowd gathered at the Coliseum saw Gene Stanlee notch a victory over George Babich in 22 minutes. Babich, the villain of the piece, made use of several illegal, as well as other interesting holds to the discomforture of Stanlee, but virtue is its own reward and Stanlee finally triumphed with a back cradle—and rock-a-bye-baby went the match.

The grappling fraternity, which more than any other group of athletes have consistently been on tap for charity purposes once again came through. The show was staged at the Laurel Gardens, Newark, New Jersey, for the underprivileged children . . . Mons Dave Goldberg did his usually top-ho job.

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Swinging around we find that Verne Gagne defeated Hans Schmidt after both boys had split a fall apiece. Then Hans was disqualified for using his hands on the referee . . . tag team combo of Violet Viann and China Mira won out over the Betty Hawkins-Dot Dotson towsome . . . Ted Lewin defeated Harry Lewis with a flying mare in 17

This interesting spectacle occured in Fall River recently when Antonio Verdi, a professional wrestler, staged an impromptu match in the aisles with a few of the paying customers after being thrown out of the ring by his opponent, George Grant. The fight? or what have you, started when Grant followed Verdi out of the ring and spectator heckled Verdi. Grant was disqualified after being pulled off Verdi.

minutes . . . Red Ryan took the measure of the 7 foot giant Frank Links . . . Hassen Bey (no relation to a seal) pinned Hal Kanner in 15 minutes with a body press . . . Antonio Rocca easily made a weak man out of Canada's strongman Adrian Baillargeon after 25 minutes of bone bending. . . .

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TITO INFANTE

BORN in the glamour and splendor of an old family hacienda in Tampico, Mex., Tito Infante harbored a burning desire to someday become a great matador.

But of course, being a midget, the idea and dream of becoming the best bull fighter in all of Mexico was something that could never materialize.

Broken-hearted but still determined to become a success in life, regardless of size, Tito entered the pro wrestling ranks and took his homeland by storm.

Because of so few midget grapplers in Mexico, Infante decided to explore the possibilities of other countries. At present he is in constant demand in South America, England and all parts of the United States.

Standing 53-inches in height and weighing 90-pounds, Tito is a serious fellow when it comes to the training department. He sticks mostly to salads but doesn't hesitate to take time out for a T-bone steak.

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CANADIAN MAT GOSSIP

By Barry Lloyd Penhale

ITALIAN toughies Tony Angelo & Frank Marconi reunited recently and are meeting with tremendous success throughout Western Canada. Appearing in such cities as Regina, Calgary, Red Deer and Edmonton, the all Italian duo are considered one of the most effective tag teams ever to show in the vast Canadian West. Also successful are the teams of Ed Gardenia & Lou Pitoscia, Earl McCready & Warren Bockwinkle, Tommy O'Toole & Toar Morgan and George Gordienko & Stu Hart. The combination of O'Toole & Morgan, both Irishmen, has proved most popular and the Morgan-O'Toole team appears to be one of the best now in that territory. Both Toar & Tommy are veteran wrestlers and both have a tendency to play rough, though they are noted mainly for their fine, scientific mat knowledge. . . . Others appearing in this same locality include villianous Sandor Fozo; Joe Blanchard; Joe Campbell; Gene Kiniski; Dave Rhul; Seelie Samara; Big Bob Mike; Lou Sjoberg and Australian light-heavyweight "Stan Wurth". . . .

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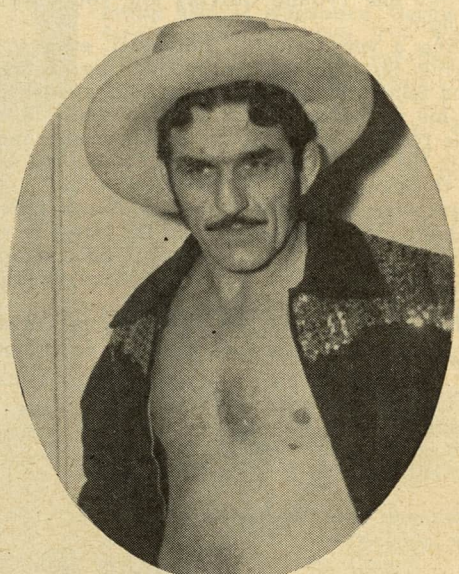
In Eastern Canada a galaxy of top rated matmen are drawing capacity houses. Top tag team is that of bearded Hombre Montana of South America and Whipper Watson billed as the British Empire Titleholder. These two are an almost unbeatable combination and at present hold the Canadian Open Tag Team Title and the prized Calvert Trophy. This they won in a very hard fought battle with Canada's Heavyweight Champion Al Mills and his mammoth brother Tiny. Other noted performers in Eastern Canada include Jack Bence; Golden Hawk; Johnny Barend; Hans Schmidt; Wladeck Kowalski; Yvon Robert, former British Empire & New England Titleholder; Lord Athol Layton; Fred Atkins; Al Costello; Bob Leipler & local wrestlers Jan Gotch; Jack Wentworth; Pat Flanagan; Larry Moquin & Bill Stack. . . .

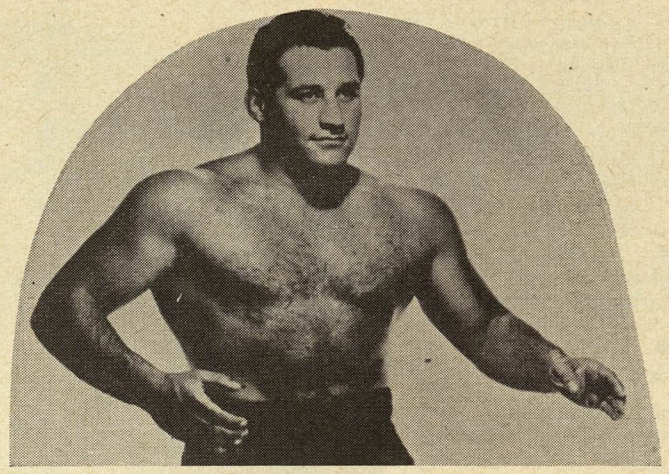
LOOSE LINES—Golden Hawk is a young Indian boy from the Province of Quebec and is rated a great future mat prospect. . . . This columnist received a pleasant surprise visit from Hamilton wrestler George Scott, who stopped off while on his way to grapple in Minneapolis.



Aztec Garcia, born in Oklahoma City but who has spent majority of his life in Mexico is becoming a favorite in the Mid-west states. (Photo by Bob Utter)

Farmer Jones professional wrestling hillbilly and his wild pig do a little oinking with Bob Utter, top sports photographer.

Scott is doing exceptionally well these days. . . . Paul De Gallis, an authentic Frenchman, and for many years a resident of the fair city of Montreal sends along word that he is now meeting with success in the state of Illinois. A natural Junior Heavyweight, he stands 5-10 and weighs around an even 200 lbs. He has made big strides in the past two or three years and at present is displaying his best form. He has met Light Heavyweight Champion "Gypsy Joe" in a title match and is hoping for another crack at that prized crown. De Gallis is a very serious contender for the Light Heavy Belt.



Bill Darnell, ex-Temple University athlete who is making good in the professional ranks of the grunt and groaners.

A Bob Utter Interview
AZTEC GARCIA

AZTEC GARCIA was born in Oklahoma City 34-years ago but spent most of his life in Mexico.

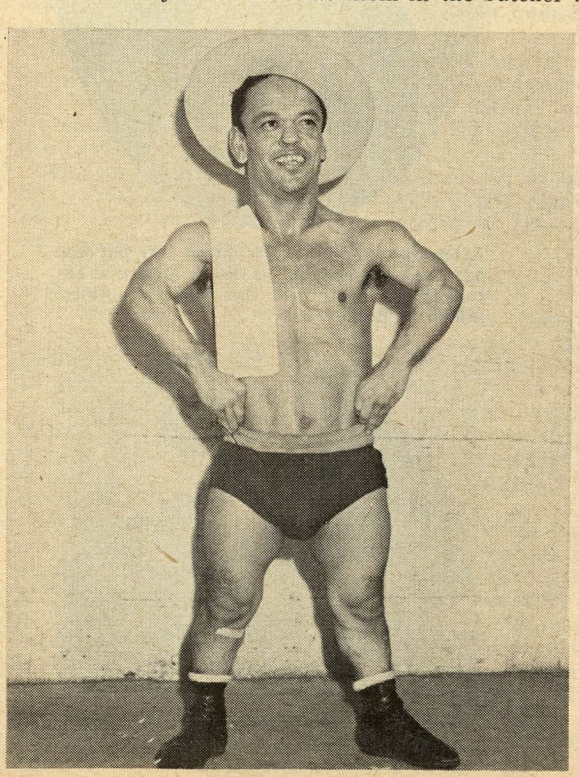
Weighing 202-pounds and standing one-inch over the six-foot mark, the Senior from Senora has a blood line that is wild enough to scare the average wrestler to death. His mother is Spanish and his father is Indian. Combine the two into one (young Garcia) and you have plenty of fire and fight.

Being a very colorful individual, even to the extent of wearing Spanish clothes in the ring, Aztec is a speedy, clever fellow with considerable mat knowledge. He claims that his training to be a Matador while in his early teens is the reason for his lightning movements in the ring.

For the past several months Garcia has been campaigning throughout the Mid-western states. He has faced several ring noteables including Baron Leone and Danny McShain. He managed to hold the latter to a stalemate.

"Eet is the same, I fight bull, I fight wrestler, I fight to win," says Aztec. "I am junior heavyweight champion of Mexico. I win world's title next."

The Senior selects raw meats as his favorite food. In fact he would just as soon eat them in the butcher shop as lug them home. Horseback riding is his favorite hobby. Garcia is married.



CHAMPION WRESTLING
As Seen on Your T.V.
by Joe Smith

FOR the last few weeks now, you wrestling fans have been seeing every Saturday afternoon from Los Angeles, California wrestling over C.B.S. (TV) (Ch-2) from 4:15 to 5:15 PM. Comments of these matches are brought to you by Jules Strongbow including interviews after each match.

Recently, the International Television Championship Wrestling Match between The Great Bolo and Wilbur Snyder, was on the line (TV line that is).

This match like all the matches from Calif. was a time limit match because of the time allowed for TV. The best two out of three falls wins.

Wilbur Snyder hails from Utah, and like most wrestlers of today is a college man. He has two years of wrestling and football and is only wrestling professionally one-and-a half years but has come a long way fast. He is 6 feet 2 inches tall, weighing 235 lbs. His most popular hold is the abdominal hold.

The Great Bolo also has a college career, University of Canada, with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He has taught school in Texas. Also speaks many languages such as Polish, French, Spanish, and many others. The Great Bolo has been wrestling for 12 years, some few in the Orient developing his famous judo chop and head twist.

In the championship match which brought together these gladiators, Snyder took the first fall in 19 minutes with a flying kick and body slam. The second fall went to the Great Bolo in 16 minutes via his bolo chop and head spins, but the third fall went to Snyder with his abdominal stretch. This hold was put on The Great Bolo in the last five minutes of the match. The referee stopped the match giving it to Snyder with only a few seconds to go. The Great Bolo said after the match that he could have taken the pain a little longer. But could the TV audience?

April 24, brought together two more top wrestlers on TV. Billy Varga and Lord Jan Blears gained one fall each before time ran out ending the match in a draw.

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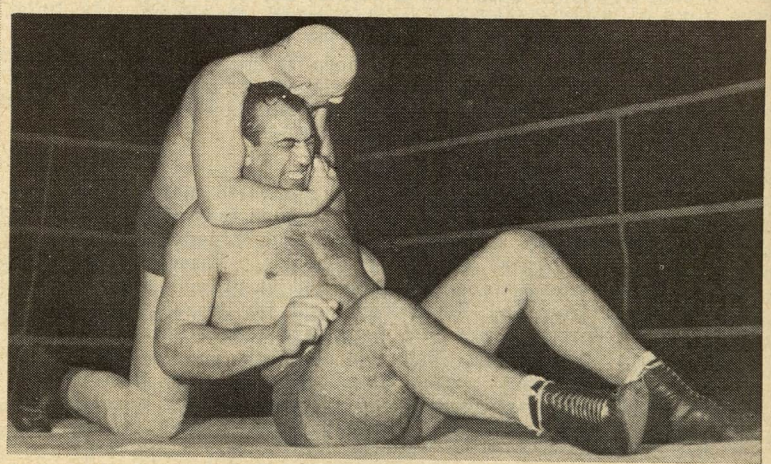


At Paris, France, Palais des Sports we see ex-heavyweight boxing champ of the world, now a wrestler, on the receiving end of a strangle hold by Herman Reiss the German grappler. However Carnera came back to win in 9:45 with a body press.

Tito Infante, one of the popular group of dwarf grapplers who have been taking the U. S. by storm.

...With Our SERVICEMEN

Fann Better Than Fair

by Bill Clark

FORT Eustis, Va.—One of the most promising heavyweights ever to come out of the service ranks, Ernie Fann, Fort Eustis' highly-regarded fighter-coach, received his honorable discharge recently.

Fann, who was forced to devote most of his time and fistic experience to coaching the Wheels rather than boxing for them, has decided to try his powerful hands in the professional ranks now that he has departed from the service and, if unbiased service observers can be quoted, he should have no trouble whatsoever.

The 195 pound, five foot, eleven and a half inches of dynamite entered the squared circle but twice this year and both times came back smiling. Against Bud House, Camp Lejeune's pride and last year's All-Marine champ, he easily won a decision and in his second time out, with Lou Basar, Camp Pickett's heavy, the sailing was even smoother.

In fact, Ernie's amateur experience has virtually no mars at all against it. Beginning with his entrance into the service after his basic training as an MP at Camp Gordon, through his regimental boxing at Fort Benning when he was a paratrooper, up until today he's lost but once, that to a former Wheel, Zora Folley, now making quite a dent on the West Coast as an up-coming contender.

Fann dropped a close decision to Folley and thus lost the All-Service heavyweight crown, but that was over a year ago and Ernie is greatly improved over that performance.

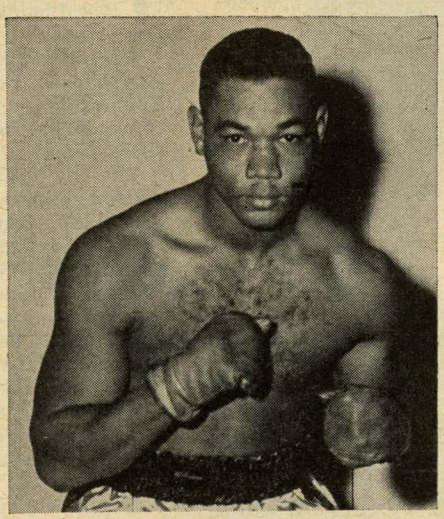
A graduate of Central High School in Cleveland, Ohio, Fann played football as a halfback and ran a pretty good half-mile, attesting for the powerful stems he sports. After high school, Ernie entered Kentucky State where he boxed, played football and was on the track team. He then transferred to Western Reserve in Cleveland. In 1951, Ernie entered the Cleveland Golden Gloves competition and simply walked away with everything. Moving on to Chicago to participate in the West trials he did the same thing. Then in the East-West Golden Gloves he dropped a close decision to Harold Johnson, who became heavy champ that year.

However, the following season Ernie went all the way to take the East-West Golden Glove title.

Coming to Eustis in August of 1953, Ernie tried his hand at football once again, but the call went out for a qualified boxing tutor on post and Ernie got the nomination. Later, Lt. Ken Kohl took up the administrative angle and Ernie devoted his entire attention to coaching the boys. "Charley Peeples," says Fann, "is definitely the most improved boxer on the club, but Harry Davis still has the best chance of copping a Second Army crown."

Fann intends to continue his schooling upon discharge while punching professionally out of Cleveland. His main hope is finding a manager that will take time in handling him. He is married to the former Roberta Harden, of Cleveland.

Eddie Chavez, ranking lightweight contender from San Jose, Calif., recently joined the Army.



Ernie Fann, former Golden Gloves champion, received his army discharge and will turn pro in Cleveland.

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The 28th Division edged out VII Corps in the team standings in the USAREUR boxing championships recently held at Augsburg, Germany, before a crowd of 3,500. The individual winners of titles then travelled to the States for the All-Army tournament at Fort Bliss, Texas, held May 3–7.

In the flyweight division, Preston Jenkins, 4th Division, stopped Collanders Williams, 4th Division, in the third round.

The bantam title went to Francis LaBarre, 43rd Division, who decisioned Ramos Maldanaldo, VII Corps.

Norris Sheppard, 1st Division, was the featherweight winner, decisioning Jack Uhler, 4th Division.

Stanley Berkley, VII Corps, won the lightweight crown by forfeit.

In the light-welters, Abe Pringle, Com Z, decisioned Charles Walker, 2nd Armored Division. He become the first Com Z athlete ever to win a USAREUR title.

The welterweight title went to Herb Mickles, 2nd Armored Division, who decisioned Virel Marcy, Com Z.

J. C. Johnson, 28th Division, took light middleweight honors, decisioning Genorace Armstrong, 28th Division.

In the middleweight division, James Crawford, SEAC, decisioned Lloyd Davis, 28th Division.

Irv Thatch, Com Z, won the light heavyweight crown, stopping Ed Williams, VII Corps, in the second round.

Joe Braham, 4th Division, won the heavyweight crown, decisioning Bob Waring, Com Z.

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Forty-four boxers from seven "big ships" of the Navy entered the 1954 BATCRULANT boxing tournament that was staged at the Norfolk Naval Base Gym several weeks ago.

The seven ships entered were the USS Iowa, Des Moines, Macon,

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The Cisco Kid

By
BILL MILLER

Cleaning Up in More Ways Than One. Cisco Andrade, who is doing a neat job in the lightweight division, also helps daughter, Denise, wipe up the supper dishes. (Below) The Cisco Kid is Riding High. An outdoor man, Andrade practically lives on a horse.

THE most talked-about young lightweight, with a marvelous left is a Californian named Cisco Andrade, the Compton Comet. He lives in Compton a suburb of Los Angeles.

Actually, his name is not Cisco. He was born Robert Andrade in Los Angeles on January 25, 1930. He's 24. Four of these years were spent in the army, a fact which retarded his progress as a pro. But Cisco doesn't regret those years.

The boy had a fine record in the army. He went in as a private, (junior grade); then step by step became a private, first-class; corporal; sergeant and eventually staff sergeant. He was boxing instructor Second Battalion, Ford Ord. At Camp Irwin, he was Post Physical Training Instructor.

Cisco is undefeated in 23 pro fights. He won 22, 11 by knockout and ten by decision and boxed one draw. But he subsequently defeated the man who had held him to a draw, Freddie (Babe) Herman. Thus he can make the proud boast that he's beaten every man he has faced in the ring.

That moniker Cisco was bestowed by his manager, chunky Ralph Gambina. Seems as how the Cisco Kid is one of Ralph's favorite characters. Signor Gambina opined that there were too many Bobs in the ring, and not one Cisco.

It was in his twenty-second fight, early in April, that Cisco hit the jackpot. That was the scrap with Percy

Cisco Andrade

***A Good Scrap-Book!** Andrade, relaxing with his wife, Mary Lou, and daughters Pamela and Denise, looks over some of the newspaper clippings which tell about his ring feats.*

Bassett, then the world's No. 2 featherweight contender, in Washington. It was probably the worst lacing Bassett yet has suffered. Each of the three officials alloted 100 points to Andrade.

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THAT fight brought a huge volume of mail to the ABC network; more fan mail than they ever received before, for a fighter. It firmly established Cisco on the Saturday night boxing shows, made him Ray Arcel's ace. Two weeks earlier, Cisco defeated Hoacine Khalfi, the Algerian, in Toledo. He looked great in that one, too.

What manner of lad is this clean-cut, good-looking scrapper, who now looms as a title threat?

He's a high school graduate. He got his diploma in 1948. Then he and his older brother, also a boxer, were swept up by the army. Cisco's brother died a hero's death in Korea. Cisco stayed in the United States, and received his honorable discharge in July, 1952, a month before he turned pro.

Army life did a lot for Cisco, physically. He grew 4 inches in height, put on ten or fifteen pounds. He went from a light featherweight to full-sized lightweight. But he has no trouble making 135.

Happily married to a boyhood sweetheart, Mary Lou, Cisco is the proud father of two daughters: Denise, 3½, and baby Pamela, 1 year old. Their home life is ideal. Cisco purchased a home in Compton with his first sizeable earnings.

A major reason for Andrade's fine showing as a pro is his solid foundation as an amateur. He had some 98 bouts in the army, about 40 fights as an amateur prior to enlistment. From these he gained much valuable experience, and a huge collection of not-so-valuable titles, watches, belt-buckles, trophies, cups and ribbons.

THE announcer who introduced Andrade in the Khalfi fight said that neither contestant was a real puncher. Why he chose to make that crack is a mystery, especially in the face of Cisco's great knockout record. Willie Ritchie, who became lightweight champion, can't point to anything like Andrade's K.O. record.

Henry Armstrong, only man in ring history to hold three titles concurrently, scored only five knockouts in his first twenty fights.

Cisco likes to ride horseback, and his favorite cayuse is a pinto named Target. He does some fishing, too. But he gets his big kick at home, playing with his little gals.

Gambina, who made a ten-strike when he named his fighter Cisco, made him a present of a gorgeous, silver-embroidered charro costume. A charro is a Mexican cowboy. On festive occasions, Andrade dons these fancy togs. And he looks like the real McCoy—well, a Mexican McCoy —in them.

Before he became a main-eventer, while he was still fighting fours and sixes, Cisco augmented his income as a salesman for the Beaudoin Tire Company. He is still on the payroll there, though he can't devote much time to it any more. He was also a used-car salesman. There are no lazy bones in this boy's body.

Cisco has two younger brothers, both attending high school in Bell, California—another suburb of L. A. One is 14, the other 16. Both are bigger than Cisco, and one has ring aspirations. The younger boy is exceptionally good.

The 16-year old, says Cisco, is strictly a lover-type. He has a fine singing voice and recently won an amateur TV contest. Asked if he, too, was a singer, Cisco replied:

"Who, me? I couldn't carry a tune in a bushel-basket!"

Maybe not. But he plays a pretty tune with those razzle-dazzle fists. Ask Bassett for one.

RING RATINGS EMBRACE THE WORLD

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Germain became British Empire champion by decisioning Pat Ford, 15, but then was kayoed in 9 by Carl Coats (non-title).

Hogan (Kid) Bassey outscored European featherweight king Jean Sneyers, 10. Bobby Woods kayoed Billy Gibson, 3. Ludwig Lightburn whipped Juan Padilla, 10. Paul Jorgenson stopped Bobby Henry, 7, and beat Joe Vazquez, 10.

Brian Kelly stopped Libby Manzo, 4. Lahouari Godih stopped Gerry Smyth, 3. Tommy Romulo kayoed Keijiro Kazama, 9. Paulie Brooks beat Jackie Blair, 10. Blair kayoed Reggie Martina, 6.

Bola Lawall whipped Sid Greb, 8. Andy Escobar stopped Gilberto Muniz, 4. George Monroe outscored Filberto Osario, 10 and Al Duarte, 10. Eddie Guerrero stopped Jesse Coppinger, 2. Henry Brown halted Boland Abrams, 8.

Dixon Hoxey stopped Earl McDonald, 5. Pat Mallane kayoed Johnny Scott, 1. Charley Smith upset Venezuelan champ Luis Barreto, 10. Floro Hita scored over Jose Arguelles, 10. Fidel Hernandez stopped Salvador Mares, 8, but drew with Juan Leanos, 10. Mares decisioned Marcelino Pena, 10.

Buddy Eyatt defeated Leroy Richards, 10. Hector Garcia beat Chico Martinez, 10. Steve Takano whipped Larry Cantiberos, 6. Larry Boardman kayoed Johnny Watson, 1. Joe Lorenzo beat Baby Azteca, 10.

Jimmy Soo stopped George LaMalza, 7. Pedro Pina kayoed Raul Hernandez, 3. Frank DiPiano outscored Andy Arel, 7. Bobby English halted Eddie Campbell, 4.

Colin Clark kayoed Russell Sands, 10. Mickey Zieike stopped Tony Pappas, 3. Lou Martino outscored Johnny Long, 6. Luis Uribe kayoed Luis Olivas, 8, and Eduardo Rodriquez, 7. Rufino Sardinas beat Juan Martinez, 8. Al Arenas defeated Babe Vance, 6.

Walter Johnson nodded Bobby Davis, 6, but lost to Jimmy DiMura, 6. Jimmy also beat Dave Carrillo, 6. Vicente Matute kayoed Ruben Diaz, 1. Nur-Mohammed stopped Mike Estrada, 3. Eddie Corma beat Jimmy Bryant, 6, and Charlie Cummings, 7. Bobby Stachell beat Rocky Lucero, 6.

Herbie Patzer kayoed George Mocaby, 2. Paul Smith kayoed Don Ernsten, 3. Billy Robb beat Leroy Howard, 6. Isaac Vaughn stopped Marvin Day, 2.

Papelero Sanchez halted Joel Gutierrez, 3. Gale Kerwin outscored Eric Pispa, 6. Sonny Atzinger kayoed Jack Johnson, 5. Tony Celano beat Salty Parker, 6.

Saad Moussa outfought Theo Nollet, 8. Pat Mallane outscored Jimmy Wilde, 8. Bobby Bickle kayoed Martin Ware, 2. Rocky Randell decisioned Larry Mujica, 10. Jacques Herbillon outfought Kid Eugene, 10. Henry Davis decisioned Bobby Woods, 10. Duilio Loi European champion retained his title by defeating Bruno Visintin, 15. Visintin previously whipped Marcello Padovani, 10. Marvin Smith drew with Ruben Salazar, 6. Danny Davis outscored Johnny Hobbs, 6.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

European champion Jean Sneyers lost to lightweight Hogan (Kid) Bassey, 10. British Empire Champion Roy Ankrah decisioned Billy (Spider) Kelly, 10 (non-title). British Champion Ronnie Clayton whipped Charley Tucker, 10 (non-title).

Davey Moore outscored Charley Riley, 10. Luis Galvani drew with Kid Anahuca, 10. Emilio Figueroa beat Manuel Perdomo, 10. Genaro Serafin defeated Roy Hernandez, 10. Kenny Davis outpointed Al Cruz, 12.

Billy Evans defeated Pete Aguirre, 10. Len Walter whipped Casey Jones, 10. Nestor Reyes beat Ernie Pineda, 10, and Young Eddie, 8. Eddie beat Al Custer, 6. Charley Hill stopped Eddie McNally, 5. Bobby Courchesne kayoed Johnny Lemmons, 1.

Julio Escobedo beat Martin Rodriquez on a disqualification, 4. Ike Chestnut defeated Harry Smith, 8. Augie Villareal edged out Art Ramponi, 8. Cesar Saavedra kayoed Bobby Silva, 2, and beat Emilio de la Rosa, 10. Emilio defeated Luis Castilio, 10. Russ Tague kayoed Jimmy Grow, 8.

Ray Mejia beat Diego Estala, 8. Manolo Garcia polished off Kim Navarro, 9. Tony Grasso beat Joe Guillette, 8. Fernando Silva beat Isidro Zaldivar, 8. Baby Luna beat Manuel Munoz, 10.

Akiyoshi Akanuma kayoed Jackie Trillana, 6. Ken Wenman stopped Johnny Wheeler, 4. Bobby Singleton drew with Johnny Jansie, 6. Orlando Echevarria stopped Joey Salcone, 6. Tony Longo kayoed Ray Belmont, 2.

Teddy Hall and Tony Alvarez drew, 5. Gaby Paliotti decisioned Don Supple, 6. Andre Clabec halted Pierre Carrara, 1. Yvon Blanchard whipped Don Supple, 6. Luis Contreras whipped Ezequiel Uribe, 10.

Vinnie Riccio beat Hughie O'Rourke, 6. O'Rourke in turn beat Bobby West, 6. Joaquin Carrillo bested Enrique de la Cruz, 10. Ted Connell kayoed Eddie Hammond, 5. Ben Escobar kayoed Albredo Barretto, 3. Gil Velarde beat Joe Nobleza, 6.

Sec Gonzales drew with Reuben Salazar, 6. Leo Alonzo kayoed Baby Dundee, 10. Eddie Lockett kayoed Jerry Lewis, 4.

Ray Famechon trounced Jean Labalette, 10, and stopped Italian Champion Altidoro Polidori, 4. Sammy Bonnicci whipped Charley Simpkins, 8. Tommy Higgins held to draw by Pat McCoy, 8. Harold Gomes outscored Bill Bossio, 10. Tony Grasso won from Joe Guillette, 8. Joe Quinn flattened Gene Caffrey, 1. Peter Roeten halted Casey Conway, 10. Barry Hatcher polished off Ken Wenman, 11. Marcel Ranvial disposed of Louis Cabo, 2. Jean Remorini wrecked Marcel Auclair, 1. Daniel Desmeules outpointed Andre Bernard, 8. Gerry Simpson beat Claude Doucette, 6. Jacques Dumesnil held to draw by Hanania Bohbot, 10. Frankie Sodano kayoed Braxton Reed, 3.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

World champion Jimmy Carruthers retained his title by outpointing Chamreon Songkitrat, 12. Raton Maciss retained Mexican title by whipping Fili Nava, 12. European Champion Robert Cohen outfought Eddie Carson, 10 (non-title), and Mannie Francis, 10 (non-title). Andre Valignat stopped Jacques Louni, 4.

Orlando Castillo beat featherweight Enrique Lamelas, 10. Ron Johnson outboxed George O'Neill, 8. Jorge Valverde was stopped by Manuel Alvarez, 3, due to a cut, but came back to flatten him in 4. Mario Ibarra beat Felix Gaytan, 10. Fernando Gagnon kayoed Don Webber, 4.

Flash Elorde outscored Hiroshi Okawa, 10. Sapito Jimenez beat Manolo Ramirez, 10. Manolo then beat Mario Ibarra, 10. Otillo Galvan defeated Joe Boland, 12, but lost to Manuel Armenteros, 10. Efraïn Santiago outpointed Rafeal Laboy, 10.

Oscar Lomas defeated Rafeal Vazquez, 10. Chebo de la Torre drew with Javier Mendez, 10. Orlando Reyes stopped Enrique Fernandez, 6. Casey Jones lost to featherweight Len Walters, 10.

Tommy Vazquez beat Little Cuban Torres, 10. Colin Barber reversed previous defeat by whipping Cliff Giles, 6. Tino Cardinale won from Arthur Emboule, 10. Mike Hernandez defeated Francisco Silva, 10 and Joe Corse, 10. Jose Lopez defeated Baby Rivera, 10.

Felipe Sosa kayoed Tony Padilla, 5. Baby Alaniz upset Buddy Baggett, 10. Emilio Orta kayoed Jose Hernandez, 3, but lost to Sapito Jimenez, 10. Pierre Richaud decisioned Lucien Meraint, 10. Rogelio Saucedo beat Mike Cruz, 10.

Baby Lopez bested Mudito Jimenez, 10, and Angel Iglesias, 10, but was held to a draw by flyweight Ramon Cruz, 10. Gracieux Lamperti stopped Marcel Mathieu, 8. Red Martinez kayoed Junior Best, 2. Robert Meunier decisioned Kid Andre, 8.

Luis Villa scored over Baby Ruiz, 10. Gerry Simpson defeated Gil Clave, 6. Mario de Leon decisioned Manuel Rodriquez, 10. Pastor Casado whipped Louis Carmona, 8. Fred Postanas defeated Oscar Reyes, 6, and kayoed Baby Rosenberg, 5.

Nursery Kid kayoed Cleto Najar, 8. Rush Tony won over Vida Romero, 8. Villesa Villar won over Bert Gonzales, 6. Agno River Boy kayoed Chun Hai, 4. Ramon Mendez kayoed Antonio Rivera, 3.

Cecil Schoonmaker decisioned Baby Face Gutierrez, 12. Hilaire Gaviano stopped Giuseppe Mastrangelo, 7. Jean Bernard decisioned Jean Kidy, 10. Juanito Gonzales outpointed Francisco Romaguera, 8. Ilario Tanelli whipped Tino Cardinale, 8. Cardinale also lost to Charley Bohbot, 10. Jesse Mongia outfought Frankie Campos, 10. Dante Bini decisioned Emile Chemama, 10. Pietro Rollo stopped Renato Denti, 5. Jamie Carabello defeated Paul Felix, 6.

FLYWEIGHTS

Dai Dower outclassed Ogli Tettey, 8. Pascual Perez kayoed Oliden Rojas, 3. Nicolas Paez, 5, and Pablo Sosa, 2. Danny Kid kayoed Hitoshii Misako, 10. Jimmy Thomson stopped Jim Loughrey, 6.

Johnny Ortega stopped Tommy Rhett, 8. Orlando Rodriquez whipped Oscar Suarez, 8. Ramon Cruz drew with Baby Lopez, 10.

Bobby Lee Headdon defeated Maurice Treadway, 6. Antonio Franco beat Lazaro Uribe, 10. Ubano Valazquez defeated Baby Amaya, 6, and Delfin Gamboa, 6. Benito Chan kayoed Baby Ruiz, 2.

Spanish Champion Young Martin lost on disqualification to Diaz II, 2 (non-title). Peter Zapata beat Baby Amaya, 6. Baby Ross defeated Small Doro, 6. Little Garcia kayoed Rudy Alcantara, 5. Rudy also drew with Cunning Andy, 8. Dai Dower outpointed Hein van der Zee, 10, after van der Zee stopped Hermann Lewandowsi, 4. Spanish Champion Young Martin held to draw by Antonio Diaz, 8.

TITLE BATTLE IN TYPHOON

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shortage of accommodations at the vast arena, the gigantic affair was carried out without a flaw.

AS the guest of the Thailand Government and the official representative of both the National Boxing Association and the European Boxing Union at the fight, the principals in the contest and the Thailand government officials appointed me to supervise the weigh-in to see that the championship regulations were adhered to and made me the official arbiter in any dispute. There was no need for the latter since at no time did a point arise that required special considerations so well did General Pichai handle his end of the program.

In every respect, this was a fight crowd such as seldom if ever in my long experience, has been seen at the ringside of a world title bout. Dignitaries from Thailand and other nations in this Far Eastern country, most of them in native garb, nobility from many lands, fight fans who travelled by bicycle, train, auto and by foot for many miles —they all headed for the National Stadium hours before the first bout, a hand and foot mill, got under way.

Traffic was so congested that it took more than an hour to cover less than a mile from my Government Residence to the arena. But it was little different in that respect from what we ordinarily encounter in any big city when a championship match is being staged, except for the color offered by the mass of humanity of many nations, trudging through the streets high in mud, unmindful of the downpour or the ruination of their clothes. As for the latter, all types that give to the Far East its picturesqueness, were in evidence, from that of the Hindus, Japs, Coolies, Australians and Americans, many of whom were present, to the native garb of the Siamese.

It was a sight to behold—one I shall never forget.

PICTURE the old Garden Bowl in Long Island, but to a greater depth, with about 20,000 additional seats, and you have a pretty good idea of what the National Stadium of Bangkok looked on this night of all nights. Throughout the day the radio kept announcing that the fight was a sellout but that didn't halt those who had no tickets to flock to the scene and add to the congestion. Their national hero, the Jack Dempsey of Thailand, was to fight for a world title, and his admirers were determined to see him.

The lusty cheers that greeted his appearance in the ring, the many gifts that were showered on him after he had

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bowed in native custom to Buddah, were evidence of the admiration the people of Thailand have for their boy. He is to the Siamese youth what Dempsey is to the American youth and in his close defeat, he became even more of a national figure because he had gone the limit with a fighting champion.

Songkitrat, known as the "Fiery Lizzard", is a handsome Thai boy of 24, who took his name from a boxing school he attended. He toughened himself for Siamese style fighting by plowing behind a water buffalo in the rice paddies as a youth and so clever was he in the Thai rough-and-tumble style of fighting that he was urged to turn his talents to the European and American style in which he has met with success.

Though he was defeated on points by the Orient champion, Larry Bataan, in 1952 after he had floored his opponent, he won the Orient lightweight title from Speedy Cabanella that same year in a Bangkok fight. He then whipped Masahi Akiyama, Japanese bantam title holder, Vic Herman of Scotland, Jimmy Pearce of England, Kevin James of Australia and our own Pappy Gault to gain the title shot at Carruthers.

AT the weigh-in, with me in charge, I urged that the bout be postponed for a day. But since we had three successive days of this Oriental typhoon in which the rain came down like pellets, Brig. General Pichai, speaking for his government, urged that no postponement be made. "We have arranged half fares on all trains from every part of the country to enable our people to come to see Chamrern fight for the title and we have no accommodations to handle the throng that is flooding the city", the General said. "The fight I think should be held regardless of the weather. Our people are accustomed to such storms."

Before acting, since the final decision was left to me, I gave each of the fighters an opportunity to express his opinion. They were in favor of going on with the show.

Then came the request of Carruthers to be permitted to fight without shoes. "The ring will be too slippery to fight with regular boxing boots on," he said.

I gave consent after the same request had been made by Chamrern and thus the stage was set for this historic ring contest. Dr. McGirr, manager of Carruthers, like Brig. Gen. Pichai, remarked, "since we have had this heavy downpour for three days, there is no assurance that there will be a clearance by tomorrow and I agree that the fight must go on tonight."

Between weighing-in time and the fight, thousands of visitors went to the various Buddah Temples to pray for the rain to halt and the success of their hero. In the national Temple, the beautiful Emerald Buddah Temple, the scene was most impressive. There hundreds of fight fans from the North and South who had never been to the famous, historic building, knelt in prayer with shoes off, the native custom. The National Museum and the King's Palace grounds, all open for the occasion, likewise were jammed with visitors.

It was a picture to behold, to see fight fans, men, women and children, many carrying bags of food, coming to the fight in their gayest festival garments, paying respects to Buddah and their latest national idol, Chamrern Songkitrat.

AS for the fight itself, one round followed the other in pattern. Carruthers would flip his right, a stinging sort of jab that knocks his opponent off balance when it lands, while Songkitrat, following instructions, rushed forth to play an attack on Jimmy's body. In the majority of rounds, Chamrern was the aggressor, but Jimmy caught him time and again with effective rights but couldn't defend himself against a vicious two-handed body attack that often caused the champ to gasp.

Entering the ninth round, the fight was anyone's. I had Carruthers ahead by only one point. It was in the ninth that Jimmy turned the tide somewhat more in his favor with quickened speed and more effective punching. He was good in that round which he won.

Then came the tenth in which Songkitrat, urged by his handler to rush his man and attack the head instead of body, opened a deep gash over the champion's right eye a new cut, which bled profusely. Carruthers, face red with claret, showed signs of weariness as he tried to halt the assault of his opponent who was widely cheered as his partisan rooters figured he now had the fight in hand and would win. The round belonged to Songkitrat.

The rally by the Thai boy continued in the next round in which he kept piling in blows, giving his opponent no quarter. He pummeled away at the injury above the eye, often forcing Carruthers to jump into a clinch from which he quickly broke and tried desperately to stab his vaunted right, his best punch, to the face of the challenger. Some landed but most failed to reach their objective.

The fight on my card was now even in rounds, with the champion one point ahead in that method of scoring.

THE gong sounded for the final round. Chamrern hadn't heard it and stood waiting while Jimmy rushed out of his corner to shake and resume the warfare. Referee Henneberry waved the Thailand boy to the center of the ring, the shake was over and out went Carruthers to clinch the narrow margin victory. In desperation, apparently realizing his plight, he met the body attack of his rival with equal blows but couldn't avoid punches to the head that kept the blood flowing freely from the wound above the eye.

Carruthers slowed up Songkitrat with punches to the jaw and several good lefts to the body but his best attack in this final session was his effective right, tossed out like one throwing a dart, and though hurt several times during the round, he did more damage, landed the more effective blows in that frame and was more effective in the many body exchanges.

That, in my opinion, won the fight for him. It was the round that clinched the victory, but Jimmy knew that he had been in a battle and from both him and his handlers, we learned that it was his toughest fight.

Make no mistake about judging Songkitrat. He's a good fighter who is courageous as all Thai fighters are, has a heavy wallop and is exceedingly fast. All he lacks is some science and this he'll gain as he continues to fight the top men of his division. He would make a good addition to the bantams and feathers of America but can make much more money in the Orient than he could in a country where we are short of men of his weight who possess drawing power.

With the fight over, and many boos penetrating the air when the decision was rendered. Songkitrat grabbed the microphone and standing in the center of the ring, said:

"I am very proud to have been able to bring fame to my country by being the first Thai boxer to contend for the world bantamweight title, and I am personally satisfied that the decision was fair and beyond doubt. If I am not sorry, my friends and my countrymen, why are you?"

Thus in Songkitrat, Thailand has a boxer who lives up to the tradition of fair play and sportsmanship for which his country is noted.

The day following the bout, General Phao Sriyanonda, Director-general of National Police and Deputy Minister of the Interior and Minister of Finance, at a banquet tendered in honor of Commissioner of Police Delaney of New South Wales and me, asked me to obtain an American trainer for Thailand boxers. He requested me to sign someone for six months in an effort to boom the sport in Siam and to help organize a Police Athletic League boxing team. This I shall do upon my return to America.

A STUDY IN STYLES

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out and start punching. I'm doing all right, too, with a long string of knockouts. Now I'm matched with Dixon. Terry McGovern and Young Corbett have outgrown the class, and the promoter advertises our bout for the vacant world featherweight title. I don't figure I'll have much trouble with Dixon. He's been a great fighter, but now he's an old man, and I'm too young and strong for him. That's what I think. Am I in for a surprise? I learn that night there's much more to this thing than just being a tough kid with a good punch. Dixon has me swinging all over the joint. He feints me dizzy, slips inside my punches or blocks 'em with his arms, spins me this way and that, and ties me in knots in the clinches. Boy, does the old guy have tricks? Anyway, the fight goes the limit, and I'm lucky to get a draw. But I learn a lesson. I learn what boxing really is, and I pick up some valuable pointers from Dixon. I use them next time out to beat the old man and win the title. From then on I'm a boxer. I guess I'm a pretty good one, too, to hold that title eleven years."

Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

FRANKLY, there's got to be an intelligent solution to this stupid business of two New York clubs operating on the same night with network television fights.

Both Eastern Parkway and Dumont TV have legitimate claims to Monday night. As a team, they started from scratch and built up a solid status over a two-year stretch. The Parkway, shifting to ABC, wants to hold the program spot; so does Dumont, with its new setup at St. Nicholas Arena. Somebody will have to give way somewhere, or it'll mean further damage to an already battered, fading profession.

The supply of even ordinary ring talent is running out rapidly, and there's hardly enough available now for the exacting demands of too many weekly major TV shows. It's getting so that normal $200 fighters are being promoted to headline billing and grabbing from $2,100 to $4,000 for television appearances.

Competition is said to be the spice of trade, but this Monday wrangle isn't the sort of competition calculated to do this trade any good. For a brief spell, there may be a few extra paydays for some favored members of the profession, but eventually the entire industry will suffer.

A point to be remembered by the parties most concerned in this conflict—the advertising sponsors—is that they'll be paying full rates for half returns. Both will be trying to reach the same public, and with two shows bucking each other on the same night, the public will be split in two.

If we've got to put up with another weekly fight on an already saturated major television market, it would be better for either the Parkway or the St. Nick to shift to one of the two remaining open dates—Tuesday or Thursday.

In giving its august approval to the rival clubs to operate simultaneously, the State Athletic Commission is supposed to have said there's no competition involved, since the fights will be held in different boroughs—one in Brooklyn, the other in Manhattan. That's about as silly an argument as we've heard in the matter.

Back in the pre-TV era, when boxing was really thriving hereabouts, and a half-dozen or more New York clubs operated weekly, it was quite permissible for two or three to run on the same night, so long as they were not in the same borough. But conditions were considerably different from what they are now. There was little actual competition between the clubs. They were mainly local spots, with their own neighborhood followings. It wasn't likely that a Brooklynite would pass up the Broadway Arena to travel to the Star Casino in Manhattan. And it had to be something very special to lure a regular Commonwealth client away from Harlem and send him scooting to the Ridgewood Grove in Queens.

Locations have little to do with TV fights now. Cash customers are incidental. What are a few hundred, or even a few thousand, when the vast video circuits reach upwards of 50,000,000? So far as the nation's TViewers are concerned, it matters not whether the fights come from Manhattan or Brooklyn—or from Boston, Philadelphia, Detroit, Chicago, San Francisco or anywhere else.

This Monday night wrangle definitely is not competition. It's out-and-out "war," and that's something the sock market can very easily do without.

JIM NORRIS probably is heaving some lusty signs of relief in getting rid of the St. Nick Arena, which, in recent years, had become more of a liability than an asset to Jim and his International Boxing Club.

When Mike Jacobs was operating at the West 66th Street spot, the lease called for 40 shows annually—but Mike was running regularly on Monday nights as well as using the Arena for his Friday night cards when Madison Square Garden was taken over by the circus, rodeo, ice shows and other attractions. Jacobs usually filled in his quota of dates, or, at worst, didn't fall short more than two or three.

After Norris inherited the St. Nick in his "package" deal with Jacobs, conditions gradually changed in the local scene. Monday shows became a losing proposition, and eventually Jim gave them up altogether. He continued to hold Fridays for Garden fillers, but at best was lucky to squeeze in a dozen shows. He still had to pay for the full 40 dates, however, and with the annual rental reported at or about $75,000, that was a tough financial load. From now on, any Friday nights Norris can't fill in the Garden will be shifted elsewhere in his extensive circuit, as he does with his Wednesday night cards.

HUMAN nature at times is a truly wonderful thing to behold. How quickly one can become excited about something, and how quickly that enthusiasm can fizzle away. In this trade, it doesn't require much to convert the Champ of yesterday into the Chump of today. Consider, for a typical and timely example, the case of Tommy Jackson.

When the kid came roaring out of nowhere to run off a startling succession of wins over Rex Layne, Clarence Henry and Dan Bucceroni at Eastern Parkway, he became the Biggest News in Town. The populace went practically hysterical over him. Tommy, a simple sort, was bewildered by the dizzy parade of press interviews, television and radio dates, and appearances at luncheons and dinners. Here, positively, was the guy to beat Rocky Marciano. Already, there were buzzings of a heavyweight title match for him.

Then Jackson bumped into a defeat by Jimmy Slade at the Parkway, and, presto! in a moment the sensation became a "bum," an exploded 90-day wonder. The "Hurricane" had blown itself out into a harmless breeze.

The fact of the matter is that Jackson had been going at too furious a pace for one of his limited experience, and it was inevitable that he'd stumble sooner or later.

To competent, experienced judges of fistic qualifications, the kid's defeat by Slade was no surprise. Anybody who knew anything of ring technique predicted that Jimmy's style would bother Jackson. It did.

Tommy was as busy and tireless as he'd been against Layne, Henry and Bucceroni, but he found the smaller, shiftier Slade a decidedly different proposition from the big, slow-moving targets he had previously overwhelmed. Offsetting disadvantages in height and reach, as well as thirteen pounds in weight, Slade was too agile and "cute" for the crude, helter-skelter youngster. Jackson, usually confusing to the other guy, was himself confused by Slade's weaving, sidestepping, counter-punching tactics. Three times —in the second, third and fifth rounds—the frustrated kid missed swings so completely he lost his balance and skidded to the canvas.

But to write Jackson off, on the basis of that one defeat, as a complete "bust" is no fairer to Tommy than it had been to go into such rapturous ecstacies when he whipped Layne, Henry and Bucceroni.

Jackson still is a kid, with less than twenty professional bouts in his record, and he has much to learn. But he revealed some highly encouraging signs while losing to Slade. He refused to become discouraged, kept piling in all the way, and was much the stronger at the finish. He push-punched Slade through the ropes in the eighth (Jimmy also slipped to one knee on the wet canvas in the ninth), and in the final round he swarmed all over his lighter rival. Slade, tired from the gruelling pace, had some rough moments in that closing stanza, and needed all his ringcraft to avoid serious trouble. Jackson not only was stronger than Slade at the end, but he came out of the ring unmarked while Jimmy needed a dozen stitches to patch up nasty cuts over both eyes.

Just how Jackson will be affected by that reverse remains to be seen. A young fighter, learning his trade can often profit more from one defeat than from a string of triumphs. It's difficult sometimes to teach anything to a winning kid—he's too puffed up with success—and an occasional setback can be a valuable lesson to him. Whether or not Tommy is the sort to benefit from his experience with Slade is something only the future can tell. Our guess is that the kid will do all right.

ANOTHER long-familiar figure in the sock market vanished from the scene when Phil Lewis was counted out recently. We wouldn't know Phil's exact age, but it must have been in the mid-70s. He had been in poor health for several years and the end had been imminent for some time.

An Italian—right name long since forgotten by the trade—Lewis had been active, as manager and promoter, for nearly a half-century. When we first heard of him, he was operating out of Syracuse, N. Y., piloting Kid Julian, rugged local 130-pounder of the pre-World War I era. Later, Phil handled another Syracusan, lightweight Ralph Brady. He also did some promoting in the Salt City.

Lewis shifted his headquarters to New York about 1919, and through the years must have managed a hundred or more fighters. Probably the best known was Bartley Madden, durable Irish heavyweight, with whom Phil did all right for a year or two during the early '20s. Among his better performances under the Lewis banner, Madden fought a draw with Fred Fulton in old Madison Square Garden and gave Harry Wills a stubborn argument at the Queensboro Stadium.

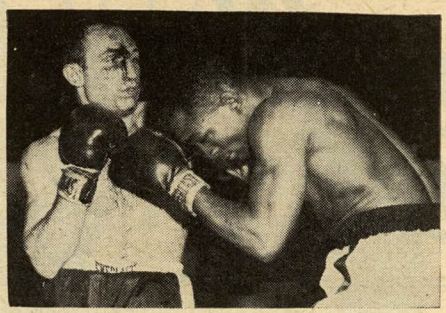
Lewis seldom addressed any one by name. Everybody was "Sonny" and "Pally" to him. His excitable Latin temperament led him into several unpleasant episodes. The faces of two prominent managers still carry scars from slashings that earned Lewis the dubious title "Razor Phil."

When riled, Lewis spewed language that wouldn't exactly have fitted into a Ladies Aid Society meeting. One incident that remains vivid in our memory of Phil was an announcing job he did for himself when he was promoting at the Lyceum Theatre in Paterson. It was back around 1919-20, when professional boxing was tabu in New York, and Gothamites had to travel to New Jersey for their fistic entertainment.

Business hadn't been too good for Lewis in Paterson, and this night he brought in a world champion, middleweight Mike O'Dowd, to meet a journeyman worker, Billy Kramer of Milwaukee. It should have been a good attraction for Paterson, but somehow the customers refused to deluge the joint, and vast expanses of empty seats didn't make Lewis any too happy. Fortunately, there were no women among the scattered clients. Before the main bout started, Lewis climbed into the ring and addressed what public there was:

"Gentlemen, I've been trying to give you the best fights I can get. Tonight I'm giving you a world champion. But the house is lousy and this here !*?!**!!?*!?*!!*?!!*?!"—pointing to Kramer—"held me up for more money. I don't want to disappoint you, so I'm giving it to him. Now, if this !*?!*!!*?? *!!**?*!"—and he glared at O'Dowd—doesn't knock out this !*?!**!?!**!??!*!"—pointing again to Kramer—"*he* won't get paid."

(P.S. To avoid further verbal violence by Lewis, O'Dowd obligingly flattened Kramer in the third.)



Blood streams from ugly gash above Paoli Rosi's right eye as Italian lightweight suffers first defeat in American ring. Speedy Orlando Zulueta was credited with knockout when referee stopped St. Nick bout in eighth round.

THE annual get-together of the New Jersey Managers Guild in the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark should have been labelled a "wake" instead of a "dinner." Almost simultaneous with the affair came the announcement that the Babe Culnan-Willie Gilzenberg combination, which had gamely continued to struggle along in Newark—indoors in Laurel Garden and outdoors at Meadowbrook Bowl—had lost its TV sponsor and without the $1,000 video revenue it was too much of a gamble trying to function on a regular weekly schedule.

From now on, until and unless there's a change for the better in general conditions, Newark, like Trenton, the only other surviving community in Jersey's fading boxing scene, will promote on an occasional basis, as and when attractive "spot" shows come along. Frankly, they don't figure to come along very often.

It certainly is a lovely situation in which Joe Walker finds himself as the state's new athletic commissioner. Oh, well, Joe still has wrestling—or what there is of it.

Incidentally, with little to keep him active in Newark now, Gilzenberg has hired out as assistant to Tex Sullivan at the St. Nick Arena here.

Though somewhat on the ironic side, a deserving tribute was paid to a swell guy when the Jersey Guild selected Morris (Rosey) Rosenberg as guest of honor at the dinner. Rosey was rewarded for his many fine contributions to boxing during his twenty-five or more years as sports editor of the Bayonne Times. When the fight industry was thriving across the Hudson River, it had no more loyal supporter than Rosey, and promoters, managers and fighters could always depend on him for the right sort of cooperation. The ironic touch was that when Rosey finally received the recognition so long due him, boxing had practically vanished from the Jersey scene.

SHORT JOLTS. . . . To help things somewhat in Jersey, there's a likelihood that Ray Arcel's rambling caravan, with the Saturday night TV fights, will do a few shows in the state. One date has already been tentatively set for Asbury Park in July, and one or two cards may go in later in Atlantic City.

(Note to TV commentators: Up around Montreal they'll tell you Savoie is pronounced "Sav-wah", not "Savoy.")

That certainly is a durable affinity between the Johnston clan and the St. Nick Arena. It was four decades ago, in 1914, that Jimmy, eldest and most talented of the four brothers, moved in there to promote for three years. During the late '20s and early '30s, Jimmy was back for another protracted spell. When Jimmy died, brothers Bill, Ned and Charley expanded their activities and, as the London Sporting Club, promoted wrestling there. After Bill's passing, Ned and Charley continued to carry on with the grunt-and-groaners. Now they're shifting back to boxing with the new Monday TV setup.

With his lightweight ace, Wallace (Bud) Smith, skidding somewhat of late, Vic Marsillo is campaigning for recognition of his middleweight entry, Georgie Benton of Philadelphia. Vic argues that Benton, with decisions over Holly Mims and Bobby Jones and an overall record of 27 wins (14 by kayos) in 29 starts, deserves rating with the division's top ten.

THE month's results:

Showing for the first time on national TV, George Johnson, 152¾, Trenton, made the most of the opportunity by battering Moses Ward, 158, Detroit, into exhaustion and defeat at 1:19 of the fifth at St. Nicholas Arena. For three rounds there was little to choose between Johnson's shifty boxing against Ward's two-fisted aggressiveness. Early in the fourth George beat Moses to the punch in an exchange of rights and that was the beginning of the end. As he reeled back from the blow, Ward was trapped in his own corner and for fully a minute Johnson poured leather into him. Badly battered, Ward finally escaped but in mid-ring another right sent him toppling to the canvas. He arose by grabbing Johnson's legs and climbing up. George shook him loose and a two-handed blasting had Ward staggering at the bell. Apparently recovered during the minute's rest, Ward started aggressively in the fifth, but his rally was short-lived. Another Johnson right had him wobbling again. Losing no time following up his advantage Jackson swarmed all over Ward, both fists banging away, and Moses was stumbling drunkenly on the ropes when Referee Petey Scalzo called a halt. A knockdown in the last round cinched the decision for Irwin Schulz, 166, Yorkville, in a slam-bang semi-final eight with Bobby Moore, 160½, Newark. In sixes, Artie Thelemaque, 146¾, St. Albans, won from Frank Bombiani, 147, Ambridge, Pa., and Ike Chestnut, 126½, Harlem, whipped Jose Ramos, 126½, Puerto Rico. In fours, Jake Josato, 145, Philadelphia, decisioned Willie Syndor, 148, Brooklyn, and Ray Portilla, 136, Mexico, beat Monserata Matos, 136, Puerto Rico.

In posting his twelfth straight win as a pro, Olympic star Floyd Patterson, 167, Brooklyn, was something less than sensational against Alvin Williams, 172¾, Wichita, Kan., in a sloppy eight at Eastern Parkway. Williams, a Caddo Indian, appearing for the first time in an eastern ring, and on a major TV network, had little to recommend save toughness and willingness, but his clumsy, awkward style proved troublesome at times for Patterson. With his speed, Floyd won handily enough, but he did a lot of aimless bouncing and flitting around the ring, and only twice during the bout was he able to score effectively enough to hurt Williams. A left hook staggered the Kansan in the third and a right had him rubbery-legged in the seventh. Repeating a previous victory in the same ring a couple of weeks before, Howie Turner, 197½, Jamaica, won from Johnny Hoye, 206, Bronx, in the semi-final six. Out of the ring more than three years, Andy Viserto, 148, Bronx, returned to action in another six, to lose a decision to Felix Montenegro, 142¾, France. In fours, Joe Lissy, 149, Yorkville, won from Joey Erskine, 147, Bronx; Johnny Davis, 159¾, Brooklyn, drew with Edmund George, 160½, Washington Heights; Iggy Maldonado, 130¾, Puerto Rico, stopped George Decker, 125¾, Gloversville, N. Y., at 2:12 of the first, and Cliff Hess, 174½, Bronx, halted Pete Couveris, 172¾, West Side, at 2:21 of the third.

Although he won, highly-touted Jed Black, 144½, Janesville, Wis., was not too impressive in his New York debut. A stablemate and fellow-graduate of Chico Vejar's at Michigan State, Black needed a strong finish to edge out plodding Joey Klein, 145½, East Side, in a busy but uneventful ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Black showed himself to be an industrious sort, of the "club fighter" species, but with much to learn about the trade. The bout was fought mainly at close quarters, with Klein having the better of the early rounds. At the half-way mark Black began to use right uppercuts, and they proved effective enough to swing the advantage his way. Neither fighter seemed in real trouble at any time, and the only visible damage was suffered by Klein's nose which bled from the fifth round on. The verdict was of the split variety. Referee Harry Kessler and Judge Harold Barnes voting for Black and Judge Charley Shortell deciding for Klein. Calvin Davis, 147¾, Harlem, won from Ernee Step, 155, Brooklyn, in the semi-final, reduced from eight to six because of TV time. In other sixes, Mike Colucci, 150½, Corona, outpointed Eddie Prince, 152, Poughkeepsie, and Earl Denis, 143¾, Wilmington, Del., decisioned Henry W. Smith, 141½, Harlem. In fours, Johnny Gorman, 134, East Side, whipped Francis Nealon, 134, Bronx, and Steve Proko, 141, East Side, accounted for the only knockout of the night by halting Johnny Small, 136, Harlem, at 2:13 of the first.

Conveniently overlooking a native Bronxite, Roland LaStarza, the affair between Virginia-born Jimmy Slade and Georgia-born Tommy Jackson at Eastern Parkway was advertised as for the "New York State heavyweight title." Official figures were not released, but the TV studio attendance was estimated at 3,500 and the gross gate receipts about $10,000. A couple of crude young heavies, who made up in willingness what they lacked in technique, slugged it out in the semi-final, Carl Kuhlmeier, 197, Bronx, finishing the stronger to grab the decision from Bill Keener 190½, East Side. Kuhlmeier, had Keener staggering in the final round but couldn't put him away. The veteran Ike Thomas, 190½, Harlem, seemed lucky to get a draw in another heavyweight six with promising young Howie, Turner, 197, Jamaica.

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IN SUNNY California

By BILL MILLER

FIGHTING the third main event of his career, 19-year-old Manny Renteria, 139, scored his third straight knockout when he sent Joe Felan, San Antonio, 140, to the showers at the Olympic Auditorium in the 5th round.

With this fight, the curtain came down on Tuesday night scraps at the Olympic, after a 29-year era, starting in August, 1925. Henceforth, Monday will be fight-night at the famed downtown arena, and all shows will be televised over KHJ-TV, Channel 9.

Rainey Mays, 163, undefeated former Golden Glove champ, fattened his batting average by knocking out Jimmy Smith, 160, in the second round.

The fours: Ray Castro, 138, decisioned Joe Perez, 137; Sonny Gill, 155½, decisioned Bob Moreland, 156; Danny Perez, 154, scored a one-round kayo over Boise Phillips, 148, and Bob Mattison, 130, stopped Willie Short, 128½, in the 4th.

Andy Escobar, 138, Redondo Beach pride, fattened his batting average and retained his great popularity at Hollywood Legion Stadium by scoring a four-round TKO over Gilberto Muniz, 137½, of El Paso.

They battled on fairly even terms the first two rounds: Escobar took the first heat, Muniz the second. In Round Three came the beginning of the end; a short, wicked chop to the jowls sent Muniz sprawling. He took an eight-count; got to his feet, but was floored again just before the bell rang.

Escobar lost little time when the 4th heat began; within twenty seconds, Referee Mushy Callahan stopped the fight and raised Andy's mitt.

In the six round semi, light-heavy John Harding hammered out a hard-won victory over stubborn Henry Taylor.

Undefeated Al Perez scored his sixth straight win in the six-round special at the expense of Sailor Billy Hartman; they are middleweights. Hartman made a Garrison finish, but Perez had piled up too many points in the first five heats.

The fours: middleweight Al Williams defeated Bobby Ross; and Jimmy Demery of Des Moines scored a 2-round kayo over Ray Hubbard, also middleweights.

Manny Castillo, 147, duked Ray Perez, 148, in the main event at Wilmington Bowl; Perez was down for three in the 8th heat. In the semi-final, Pete Janke, 160, KO (5) over Fred Hawkins, 158; the fours: Mickey McGuire, 128, TKO (3) over Ed Martinez, 124; Mike Nunez, 139, decisioned Johnny Rogers, 144; Duke Brickley, 151, KO (3) over Kid Honolulu, 148.

Buddy Evatt, 132½, home-grown battler, retained his status as the only untied, undefeated main-event lightweight on the Coast by scoring the unanimous decision over stubborn Leroy Richards, 128½, at the Olympic Auditorium.

Richards made a game showing—too game for his own good, some thought. Floored twice in the 4th heat, his face badly battered, Leroy was outclassed but not outgamed. The scoring speaks for itself: Referee Reg Gillmore, 61-49; Judge Lee Grossman, 62-48; and Judge John Thomas, 58½-51½.

Reuben Salazar, 128, and Secondido (Sec.) Gonzalez, 131, battled a sizzling six-round draw in the semi-final. Salazar scored a knockdown in Round One, but Sec staged a strong comeback.

The fours: Lou Herman, kid brother of Freddie (Babe), 138, made it two in a row as a pro, when he stopped Rip Carter, 136, in the second heat; Lloyd Wilson, 134, scored an upset when he stopped favored Tony Reyes, 133½, in the third; Leon Strickland, 148½, defeated Gordon Meadows, 146½, and Fred Hawkins, 156, TKO (1) over Billy Egerton, 159, the San Berdoo schoolteacher.

Sacramento: Lou Gage, 147, San Francisco mail carrier, found somebdy who could deliver punches faster than he in the person of Ramon Tiscareno, 148, of Los Angeles. Tiscareno got the verdict of both judges and the referee in the ten-round main event.

Gage managed to stay erect at all times, but the margin of blows landed by his foe was nearly 2 to 1. The attendance grossed $2,434.

In the semi, Howard King, 177, Reno, outspeeded Robert Battiste, 172, of Vallejo, to take the nod in six rounds.

Four rounders: Clarence Bruce, 140, TKO over Frankie Elias, 134, in 3; Jamie Caraballo, 120, drew with Epifanio Martinez, 122; Al Moore, 145, stopped Manny Gomez, 139, in 2.

San Jose: After taking a rough boxing lesson for three rounds, Frankie Ray, 149, Reno welterweight, demonstrated that a single punch can wipe out an opponent's high point score. Ray's looping right hand in the closing minute of the fourth round knocked out Irish Jimmy McCann, 146, at San Jose's Civic Auditorium.

The San Jose battler pounded Ray to the deck in the first, and outpunched him by a wide margin until the Nevadan came through with the convincer.

Jack Scheberies, 199, of San Jose, used a pair of college-educated fists to score a TKO over Bill Mathis, 225, of Eureka. The end came in the second session.

Carl Anzalone, 159, decisioned Sam Lockhart, 154 in 4; Davey Lee, 127, outpointed Paul Felix, 124 (4); Joey Padilla, 136, TKO'd Vince Tero, 132, in 2.

Don Chargin's promotional venture attracted $1,130 worth of customers.

San Francisco: Ruben Hernandez, 156, fighting his first main event, came from behind to stop Jiggs Reed, 149, in the eighth and final round at the Winterland. The Oaklander took five of the first seven rounds from the San Francisco butcher boy, but ran into a right to the head in the eighth which dropped him for nine. A left to the noggin put Reed down again, and Referee Jack Downey called a halt.

In the preliminary between Ernie Cabreana, 144, and Billy O'Neil, 144, the customers reverted to an old Gold Rush custom. The lad's performance pleased the fans so much that they showered money into the ring. The rousing slugfest resulted in a four-round draw.

Ralph Gomez, 146, South S. F., put John Freshwater, 148, on the canvas in the first round, and continued the good work to take a 6 round verdict in the semi-windup. Freshwater hails from Oakland.

The fours: Pepi Martinez, 119, outpointed Bobby Geer, 117; Harold Jenkins, 156, decisioned Harold Dugan, 155.

Well, Willie Vaughn, 159½, is again the California middleweight champ, by virtue of the unanimous decision he scored over Charley Green, 159½, at Hollywood Legion Stadium in their third meeting.

A goodly crowd was on hand and there was a gross of about $4,900, a net of $4,100. For a televised show, that's mighty good.

Here's how the officials voted: Referee Joe Stone, 69-63; Judge Tommy Hart, 67-65; Judge Reg Gillmore, 69-63—all for Vaughn.

This scrap failed to measure up to the preceding two in action and excitement, though it was good enough to entertain the fans and send them home happy. There were no knockdowns.

Big Charley Powell, Suey Welch's heavyweight, continued his sensational progress when he knocked out Ozzie Hubbard in the first round. Powell, 216 pound giant, famed as an all-around athlete, dropped his 212-lb. opponent twice; once with a left hook, again with a short right—just to play no favorites. He's now in line for a main event in San Francisco, where he's real hot-stuff. Powell plays end on the San Francisco 49'ers during football season. But the way he's doing in the ring, he may kiss the gridiron a fond adieu.

In the six-round special, talented Gil Velarde, 126, decisioned Jojo Nobleza, 124; the fours: Ray Greco, 144, TKO (3) over Jimmy Flynn, 147; and Walter Caldwell, 122½, drew with Bobby Chavez, 122.

Quite an upset it was at the Olympic Auditorium when 3-1 underdog Kenny Davis, 125, of Clarendon, Texas, defeated Al Cruz, 124, Angeleno, in a 12-round battle billed as an elimination for the state featherweight title.

Both boys are former national amateur champions; Davis, in fact, a two-time winner of that honor. Cruz won the national banty crown in 1950, turned pro that year; Davis took featherweight honors in 1951 and again in '52, then turned pro.

The fight could be summed up in one sentence: Davis had a real good night, Cruz a real bad one. This is not detracting from Davis' fine effort: he deserved to win, but it was a keen surprise to see him win by such a margin.

The verdict was unanimous: Referee Mushy Callahan scored it 71-61; Judge Dynamite Jackson, 70-62; and Judge Frankie Van, 70½-61½. There were no knockdowns.

In the six-round semi, Al Arenas, 136½, scored a knockdown in the final heat to annex the verdict over tall Babe Vance, 138½. It was Arenas' first fight in a year, and he looked O. K.

Four-rounders: Gordon Meadows, 145, decisioned Jimmy (Duke) Dupree, 145; Danny Perez, 157, KO (3) over Tombstone Smith, 154; Epifanio Martinez, 122, duked Pete Yray, 119½, and rugged Willie Lucero, 133, KO (2) over Johnny Hobbs, 135.

Lonnie Malone, 169, scored a 4th round knockout over Frankie Crane, 170, in the main event at Wilmington Bowl. Lonnie dropped Crane to the canvas twice in the 4th, and Referee Mushy Callahan stopped the fight when Frankie seemed helpless.

In the semi-final, Jimmy Smith, 161½, duked Russ Gillam, 158. The fours: Bob Mattison, 130, KO (1) over Jimmy Owens, 132; Sonny Gill, 156, decisioned Vic Martin, 155; and Dave Ortiz, 146, duked Chuck Joslin, 146.

Richmond: In a contest billed for the flyweight championship of California, Johnny Ortega, 110½, of Alameda, knocked out Tommy Rhett, 111, of Oakland in the eighth round. The battle, scheduled for 12 sessions, was the headliner at the auditorum in Richmond.

Some observers predicted a dull fight, as this was the seventh meeting of the tiny wallopers. Ortega had won all previous bouts, but had never been able to put the fast-stepping Oaklander on the floor. They fooled the critics by swapping punches from the opening bell.

The first knockdown came in the fifth. Ortega was the recipient of an accidental low blow, but he refused Referee Johnny Lotsey's offer of a rest. Johnny smashed a left hook to Rhett's jaw which put him down for a nine count.

Ortega continued to have his hands full until after the start of the eighth. Rhett took command as the round opened, but Ortega kept punching. With his foe against the ropes in a neutral corner, Johnny got maximum power behind a left hook to the head followed by a right to the jaw. Rhett went to his knees, and tried gamely to rise as he was counted out.

Attendance was 1,793, with a gross of $2,214.

Four-round prelims: Al Barbaro, 145, outpointed Charlie Courtney, 144; Allan Loritz, 155, TKO'd Gus Redden, 162 in 4; Billy Marshall, 165, stopped Billy Glover, 165, in 1; Chuck Carter, 143, decisioned Bobby Bue, 148; Kenny Williams, 147, TKO over Coffee Boy Jones, 148, in 2.

Don Jordan, 139½, who looms as the best of a flock of fighting brethren, scored a 2-round knockout over the San Jose Filipino, Bolo Montes, in the main event at Hollywood Legion Stadium.

The hard-hitting Jordan, who has lost only

one fight as a pro, sent Montes to the canvas with a smashing left hook to the body in the second heat. Montes staggered to his feet at nine, but Referee Reg Gillmore reckoned he'd had enough.

The gate was $5,800 net—impressive and imposing for a fight that was televised.

Harvey Taylor, 166½, was floored in the second heat, but got up to win a split decision over Calvin Brad, 169, in the six-round semi. Taylor closed strong to get the nod.

In the six-round special, Bobby McLane, 160, won the split verdict over Benny Ventura, 155. The fours: Bobby Ross, 159, decisioned Fred Hawkins, 157; and Clyde Watson, 171, decisioned Woody Woodruffe, 169.

Nat Fleischer was guest of honor at the Olympic Auditorium when Big Bob Albright, 212, won the unanimous decision over Jake Williams, 186. Maybe Nat's presence at the ringside made Big Bob nervous, or perhaps it was his inexperience; whatever the cause, Albright failed to cover himself with glory in winning.

By his victory, Big Bob erased the only black spot on his record; a year ago, Williams triumphed over Albright in a four-spot; it was Jake's third pro scrap, Albright's second. This was big Bob's first main event, incidentally.

This was the first Tuesday night non-televised show in several years at the Olympic, and the turnout was surprisingly good. The gross gate was $4,400; the crowd over 4,000. Possibly an augur of things-to-come, for the Olympic will not televise unless and until a good TV contract materializes.

Nat Fleischer's visit here was enjoyed by one-and-all; by Nat, certainly, for he was honored everywhere he went, and by all the folks in boxing because it was nice to see Mr. Boxing, first-hand. Announcer Jimmy Lennon, at the Olympic, introduced him as "the world's foremost authority on the ring, Mister Boxing himself". Three of our sports editors wrote columns about Nat. He left for Honolulu the morning after the Albright-Williams scrap; thence to Tokyo, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Beirut and other "faraway places with strange sounding names", like it says in the song.

Frankie Cockrell, 147, won a split decision over Jerry "Dutch" Fowler, 144½, in the six-round semi. It was Fowler's first defeat in eight pro starts. The fours: Calvin Brad, 168, TKO (4) over Willie Robinson, 163; Reuben Wilson, 190, KO (1) over Enrique Millar, 202; Dusty Duty, 148, duked Boise Phillips, 147; and Danny Perez, 147, TKO (1) over Johnny Hairston, 151.

San Francisco: Eddie Williams and his southpaw attack proved no mystery to Doug Kirby in the windup bout at San Francisco's Winterland. Kirby, 141, was awarded a technical knockout over Williams, 141, in 1.42 of the seventh round. Though the Los Angeles youngster retained his footing throughout the contest, there was no protest from the audience when Referee Jack Silver halted proceedings.

For a short while Williams did effective work in close with a snappy left uppercut, but when Kirby got under a full head of steam he hit Eddie with every kind of blow, including several that wandered out of bounds. Kirby had one point taken from him in the third on account of a low punch.

Charlie Powell, 215, of San Diego, took part in what was billed as a four-round exhibition against Joe Hayward, 193, of Los Angeles. The 16-ounce gloves wielded by the 49er end carried enough power to put Hayward down and out in 2:40 of the first session.

Four round prelims: In a rematch, Charlie Courtney, 141, drew with Al Barbaro, 145; Jamie Carabello, 121, outpointed Pepi Martinez, 121; Ralph Gomez, 152, TKO'd Carl Dugan, 157, in 3.

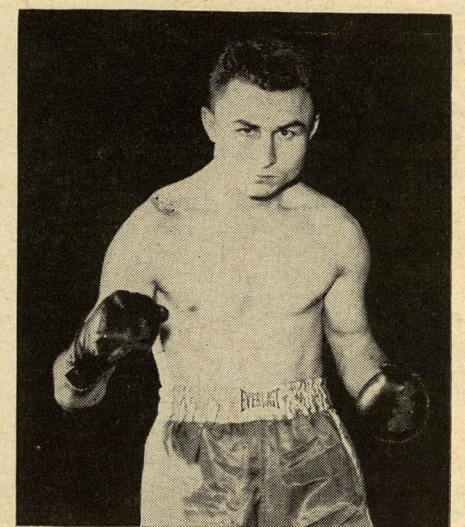
Windy Hawkins, 163½, registered a sharp upset at Hollywood Legion Stadium when he stopped favored Dick Finley, 167, in the 10th round of an interesting scrap.

It was Hawkins' first fight in a long time; he got off to a slow start but as the bout progressed he had the Long Beach boy wobbly. At the end of Round Nine it seemed all over but the shouting; in Round Ten, even the shouting stopped—that's when Referee Abe Roth stepped in and said "That's all, boys."

In the six-round semi, Amado Martinez, 138½, scored the unanimous decision over Tony Olivas, 135½. And in the six-round special, Joey Cardenas Chig, 159, decisioned George Holmes, 158.

The fours: Jimmy Owens, 130, duked Jimmy Gallegos, 130½; and Clyde Watson, 171, KO (1) over Ted Hester, 166½.

Jesse Fuentes, 162, punched out a hard-fought 10-round decision over Eddie Sims, New Orleans, 162, in the main event at Wilmington Bowl. There were no knockdowns; Fuentes had much the best of the early going,



Kenny Davis, 125 pounder from Clarendon, Texas, pulled one of the month's big upsets by his 12 round win over Al Cruz of Angeleno.

but Sims finished strong. Not strong enough, however. Tommy Hart refereed.

Al Williams, 155, decisioned Joey Cardenas Chig, 157, in the six-round semi. The fours: Jimmy Dupree, 146, KO (3) over Willie Sanchez, 142; Bob Mattison, 132, drew with Lloyd Wilson, 134; and Duke Brickley, 147, decisioned Boise Phillips, 147.

Ernie Greer, 152, Oakland, got up from a first-round knockdown at San Jose Civic Auditorium to score a 5-round TKO over Dick Sizbette, 147, Reno. It was a Babe Griffin promotion, and a good show.

Big John Burrell, 205, Oakland, knocked out Ric Garro, 215, San Jose, in the second heat. The fours: Augie Villa, 129, TKO 3 over Paul Williams, 127; Mel Jackson, 151, decisioned Manny Gomez, 144, Tampa, Fla.

SEEN AND HEARD IN NEW YORK

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In the remaining preliminaries, Jimmy DiMura, 131, Syracuse, had the better of Dave Carillo, 128½, Harlem, in six, and Gale Kerwin, 139, Valley Stream, earned the verdict over Joey Tufaro, 141, Brooklyn, in four.

Speedy but light-hitting Orlando Zulueta, 135½, Cuba, who had scored only one knockout in seven years, and five in a nine-year career, was given credit for another when a nasty cut over the right eye of Paolo Rosi, 132¾, Italy, ended their St. Nicholas Arena meeting shortly after the start of the eighth. The cut, inflicted late in the second, bled steadily from then on, and the injury and Zulueta's speed and ringcraft proved too much of a combination for Rosi to handle. The Italian fought gamely enough, but lacked the stuff to compete with the shifty, experienced Zulueta, and at 48 seconds of the eighth Referee Al Berl decided things had gone far enough. It was Rosi's first defeat in an American ring, the Italian visitor having previously posted six straight wins, five by knockouts, but he hadn't faced an opponent of Zulueta's calibre. Ike Chestnut, 125½, Harlem, outpointed Harry R. Smith, 126¼, Brooklyn, in the semi-final eight. In sixes, Joey Erskine, 148, Bronx, won from Paul Kostopolous, 148, Baltimore; Lou Marsicano, 144½, Yorkville, decisioned Sonny Lord, 146, Bronx, and Nur Mohammed, 135¾, India, stopped Mike Estrada, 135½, Bronx, at 1:41 of the third. The opening four was over in a hurry, Terry Ciccheti, 156, Bronx, needing only 1:26 of one round to halt Johnny Cox, 155, Harlem.

In a "consolation" match between two fading veterans, who had been knocked out in their last previous starts in local rings, Walter Cartier, 161, Greenwich Village, outlasted Bobby Dykes, 159, San Antonio and Miami, in a dull but gory ten at Eastern Parkway. Cartier tried to make a fight of it and forced what little action there was, but could make little headway against the defensive, counter-punching tactics of lanky, awkwardly clever Dykes. The bout was marred by too much clinching and mauling. There were no official knockdowns, but Cartier was on the canvas three times, one from a push and twice when he missed swings and lost his balance. Both boys suffered nasty facial cuts and were well splattered with blood throughout the affair. As early as the first round, Cartier was gashed above the bridge of his nose and in the next session was ripped alongside the left eye, while Dykes was nicked on the outside corners of both eyes in the third and suffered a bad tear above the left optic in the sixth. The semi-final, listed for eight, was short-lived. Tony Anthony, 160¼, Harlem, flattening Wilfredo Miro, 158, Cuba, at 1:29 of the second. Bobby Dalton, 159½, Chicago, beat Pat Best, 155, Englewood, N. J., in six. In fours, Iggy Zotta, 149¼, Brooklyn, decisioned Carmine DeVito, 144½, East Side; Nat Holden, 202, Elizabeth, outpointed Wilbert Farris, 203, Brooklyn, and Bill Johnson, 176, Corona, won from Ted Frank, 171¼, Harlem.

The final show of the I.B.C. at St. Nicholas Arena featured, for the second week in succession, two alien visitors. This one, a Latin-American pairing, pitted an Argentine middleweight, Eduardo Lausse, 156¼, against a Cuban welterweight, Chico Varona, 150. Weight and strength were the deciding factors, the crude but hard-hitting Lausse wearing Varona down and knocking him out in the seventh. For five rounds Varona's speed had Lausse looking like a raw novice, but the pace was too much for the Cuban and he began to wilt in the sixth. Late in the seventh, Chico was slow getting away from a lusty left swing. It caught him flush on the chin and spilled him for the full count. Time of round: 2:48. Referee Abe Simon was too hasty in halting the semi-final at 1:08 of the fourth, giving Bert Whitehurst, 195, Baltimore, credit for a kayo over Gene Jones, 208½, Philadelphia. Leading until then, Jones was nailed by a hefty right early in the fourth, and went down for nine. Though still groggy when he arose, he weaved and bobbed out of trouble until his head cleared. Then, just as he snapped out of the fog and began to fight again, Simon stepped in and called a halt. In sixes, Artie Thelemacque, 147, St. Albans, won from Joe Lissy, 148, Yorkville, and Jimmy DiMura, 131, Rochester, outpointed Walter Johnson, 132, Newark. In fours, Edmund George, 159¼, Brooklyn, decisioned Charley Moss, 161, Brooklyn, and Jimmy Moulton, 136¾, West Side, edged out Emil Meyers, 137½, Brooklyn.

Apparently not superstitious, unbeaten Floyd Patterson, 165½, Brooklyn, made professional Victory No. 13 one of the most impressive of the lot by thoroughly whipping Jesse Turner, 157¾, St. Louis, in a fast-moving eight at Eastern Parkway. The clever, ringwise Turner fought stubbornly all the way, but along with an advantage in weight Patterson had too much speed and versatility for him. Jesse suffered a cut over the left eye in the sixth, and was floored for an automatic eight in the final round. Patterson's showing was a vast improvement over his performances against Yvon Durelle and Alvin Williams in his last two previous appearances at the Parkway. He didn't waste much time in aimless bouncing around, and his fast combinations repeatedly had Turner in trouble. Henry Smith, 141, Brooklyn, whipped Felix Montenegro, 143, France, in the semi-final six. Gale Kerwin, 136, Valley Stream, decisioned Eric Pispa, 136, Finland, in another six. In fours, Carmine DeVito, 145, East Side, won from Bobby Tweed, 148, Paterson, N. J.; Ray Grillo, 164½, Brooklyn, had the better of Ted Frank, 165¼, Harlem, and Johnny Gwynn, 147, Hralem, was a winner over O'Dell Hayes, 148, Baltimore.

AFTER THE BELL. . . Duke Stefano's journeyman Bayonne heavy, Keene Simmons, certainly is giving Providence fans something to remember him by. A few years ago, Simmons nearly wrecked Rocky Marciano there—it was the closest call with disaster that Rocky had on his way to the heavyweight title. Recently, Simmons dropped into Providence again for a date with the town's latest sensation, Billy Burke, unbeaten in ten starts and eight of his wins by kayos. Keene needed only two and a half rounds to complete a demolishing job.

Out of its weekly TV revenue of $12,500, Eastern Parkway was ordered by the International Boxing Guild to pay $5,800 ($2,900 each) to the main-event performers. The St. Nick Arena is getting $12,150 for its show—only $350 short of the Parkway's figure—but is giving the headliners $1,600 less ($4,200, or $2,100 per.) It's purely coincidence, of course, that the President of the Guild happens to have something more than a casual rooting interest in the St. Nick.

Despite his youth and limited experience, we like 19-year-old Floyd Patterson to whip aging Joey Maxim at Eastern Parkway. Reports have it that Maxim is getting a $10,000 guarantee. Because of Patterson's age, the bout will be limited to eight rounds, and over that short distance we doubt if Maxim's advantages in weight and experience will be enough to offset the kid's speed and two-handed combinations.

Sammy Richman is planning to bring over a troupe of top European ringsters shortly.

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NAT FLEISCHER SAYS:

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pertaining to the boxing game it will be done by the New York State Commission and only after sufficient evidence had been granted to cause a prima facie case would the DA step in.

In all my years of covering boxing I can't think of more than a very few instances in which a fight's outcome may have been questionable. It is hard for me to recall any case where charges of a "fixed fight" have stood up by sustantiated evidence.

Usually these charges come from the habitual bettors who lose money on a fight and are sore heads. When a man's money is riding on the outcome of a fight it is hard for him to believe that he was wrong in his choice.

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SINCE we last went to press the eleventh Marquess of Queensberry passed away. The grandson of the man who lent his name to the modern rules of boxing he was in his own right greatly interested in the sport of men.

During World War II the late Marquess put on boxing shows all over England for the troops and was noted for his disappointment of the growing commercialism in boxing. On several occasions he indicated his dislike of the growing interest by boxers in money and stated his belief that where money is God, the game is not always conducted on as high a plane as it might be.

(ED. NOTE) One of the main reasons that when commercialism creeps in boxing is hurt, stems from the urge of the athlete to jump into the professional ranks where he can get paid long before he has learned his trade. This means that pugilists turning pro are often given inadequate performances and are washed up long before they should be. The need by TV for new faces is expediting this trend that is drying up the pool of talent.

If all boxing promoters don't take cognizance of this situation and attempt to incubate a few worthy youngsters the game may be in for hard times ahead.

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TO veteran boxing authorities, there was nothing surprising in Gil Turner's two so-called "upset" defeats by journeyman Bobby Jones. It was inevitable that something of the sort would happen to Turner sooner or later. If Jones hadn't done it, somebody else would have. Turner had been steadily declining since Kid Gavilan knocked him out in their welterweight title bout, and in each succeeding match it became more and more obvious that too many tough battles were exacting their toll.

Both in actual years and in ring experience, Turner still is a comparative youngster. He is not yet 24, and has been fighting professionally only four years. Yet now, which he should just about be hitting his peak, he is finished as a big-time competitor.

The Philadelphian's case is not exceptional these days. In fact, it is merely another instance of what is becoming the usual thing. Fighters storm out of nowhere, become sensations overnight, are rushed into gruelling battles before they're ready, then fade away almost as quickly as they come. The demand for "new faces" in a profession scarce in top line talent is responsible for many promising youngsters being ruined. They get "punched out" in a hurry and are washed-up veterans when they should still be learning the trade. Irish Bob Murphy is a notable case.

Two of the brighest young middleweights to come along in recent months, Willie Troy and Moses Ward, may have ruined each other in their savage brawl in Detroit. Both boys absorbed terrific punishment before Ward finally collapsed. Lickings of that sort don't do youngsters any good, and the performances of Troy and Ward since then would seem to indicate that both boys suffered serious damages in that battle. In his next start, Troy was demolished by Joey Giardello in Madison Square Garden. Ward collected another lacing from Holly Mims in Detroit, then was knocked out by Georgie Johnson at St. Nicholas Arena in New York. These are only a few of the many cases of promising ring futures being jeopardized by the exigencies of the moment.

Television is largely responsible for the unhappy conditions. TV dates must be filled; there aren't enough good attractions available. Likely-looking kids are rushed ahead of schedule, before they have learned more than the basic ABC's of the trade. They have some natural talent to star with, and maybe exciting styles, but they aren't ringwise enough to know how to take care of themselves properly. They sop up too much punishment. For a while their youth and strength may carry them through, but every tough fight takes something out of them, and it doesn't require very many tough fights to reduce a strong, rugged, ambitious youngster to a weary-legged, arm-heavy, soft-chinned has-been.

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FRANK MENKE, a brother writer and a dear friend for more than forty years, recently passed away.

Menke, who was noted for his "Encyclopedia of Sports" and "All Sports Record Book" also collaborated with a number of sports celebrities on their autobiographies. He began his newspaper career with the Cleveland Press and in 1911 came to New York to work for the newly-formed National News Association, now known as the International News Service. He ultimately became the sports editor for King Features, International News and Universal Service.

Menke, annoyed by the large number of clippings, diaries and books he had to carry as reference when on assignment, came up with the idea of incorporating them into an all-sports record book which, through the years, grew to immense proportions. The latest edition of "Encyclopedia of Sports" contained over 1,000 pages and covered more than 75 sports. The Ring Editor assisted Menke in preparing the section on boxing.

YOGI BERRA

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IN baseball, there are nine men on a side, and one of the nine might get hot and win for you. In the ring one guy faces one other guy, and maybe the champion has an off night.

I was asked to do this piece about a favorite sport,—this piece, for just this once.

I want to promise the readers of The Ring Magazine that I will not do this again, and will not horn in on the staff.

In the meantime, I am going along with Bobo and the Rock, and want to say how lucky the boxing game is to have two such great fighters to interest the fans.

Coming up from the South, all of us Yanks promised one thing when we got back to New York. We were going to see this Tommy Jackson guy, who belts the stuffing out of Dan Bucceroni.

Jackson may be only a kid, but anybody who can sock experienced guys around is worth looking at.

Too bad I wasn't around when Lou Nova was fighting. They tell me he was another Yogi, and maybe we'd have had something in common, even if I don't know much about "dynamic stances" and "cosmic punches."

Anyway, good luck to the fight game, the Ring Magazine, and to Rocky and Bobo.

HEAVYWEIGHT INTEREST SUFFERS

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Matthews in Seattle, and Jimmy Slade stopped the Briton over there in four rounds, in 1951.

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One thing stands out. The heavyweight situation is a challenge. It is a challenge to Marciano, as a champion in difficult field. It is a challenge to the International Boxing Club, in the matter of promotion.

Promotion is as vital today as it ever was in the Rickard and Jacobs heydays. Promoters—and this includes Jim Norris, of the IBC—have become lax because of the television angle. They figure that the TV screen will help them out of any problem.

But the good old ballyhoo never was needed more than it is right now.

It is self evident that, unless the promoters, and the IBC among them, refurbish the ballyhoo, the TV situation will backfire on them.

The public has been very tolerant toward telecast fights. But it is approaching a surfeit of the mediocre. Better get out the old bazoo.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By Tom Ephrem

BILLY KILGORE put a big crimp in the comeback plans of former middleweight champion Jake LaMotta by taking a split 10 round decision in a nationally televised fight at Miami Beach.

The victor, scaling 164¾, started slow but after the third round found himself. LaMotta, 167¼, looked like the Jake of old for the first couple rounds. There were no knockdowns in this hard-fought ten, but each suffered a cut, Jake on his nose and Billy on the right eye. They attracted 2,891 customers for a gate of $8,379. Chris Dundee and the IBC co-promoted.

Harry Braeloy, 157½, Miami, finished good to take the 10 rounder from Chester Mieszala, 155¼, Chicago. Jackie LaBua, 155¼, Brooklyn, won in another 10 over Jose Olivera, 155, Havana. Reuben Jones, 189½, Norfolk, decisioned Billy Pappas, 192¼, Reading, in a sixer. Aldo Menti, 138½, New York City, bested Marvin Dick, 137½, Brooklyn, in four.

Three knockdowns in the first round provided Cleveland (Cleve) Williams of Tampa, with a TKO victory over Jimmy Walls of Englewood, N. J., in the feature fight at Tampa. Referee Irish Eddie Callahan saved the Jersey fighter further punishment. Williams, at 202, and a 15 pound weight advantage, shot over hard lefts to drop Walls the first two times and then a left and right for the third down. It was his 36th win in 37 bouts. Attendance was 1,840. Al Garcia promoted.

Rocky Randell, 134, Tampa, had no picnic with Johnny Guebera 135, but did manage to register a TKO triumph in six rounds. Jimmy Jewell, Birmingham, came up with a three round KO over Mike Santonini, 162, New York. Ferman King, 148, split decisioned Aman Peck, in a sixer between local boys, and Johnny Falconi, 165, Miami, beat Killer Dearing, 168, Tampa, in a four.

A surprise victory was turned in by Aldo Menti of Niagara Falls, N. Y. in a West Palm Beach ring. Menti, 140, trimmed Rocky Randell, 140, Tampa, in the eight round feature here. The winner landed with the best wallops to gain Referee Petey Sarron's sole nod.

Tony Necro, 155, Warren, Ohio, won a sixer from Jose Lyara, 150, Sao Paulo, Brazil, while Vince Bonomo, 140, New Orleans, won a decision over Ronnie DePriest, 140, Roanoke, Va., after a recount by Ref Sarron.

Sgt. Earl Wilkerson, 152, PBAFB, beat Bolvin Deveaux, 150, Nassau, in four rounds of good fighting. Yama Bahama, 157, Bimini, and Eddie Danawa, 165, Washington, D. C., squabbled in a four and ended in a draw. Bahama decked Danawa in the third.

The same old hue and cry arose when Bobby Dykes was awarded a close decision over Joe Rindone of Boston, in the feature attraction at Miami Beach. However, the three officials didn't see it thataway, insisting Dykes, though not the same hungry fighter, did have what it took to beat Joe. The Miamian weighed 161, his very heaviest. He blocked most of the Rindone punches on his arms and shoulders but took some when it came to standing up with the Bostonian. The last two rounds told the tale actually. Rindone swinging and missing most his, while Dykes boxed nicely for points. The loser tipped 162½.

Julio Mederos, 196½, Havana, put the lights out for Bo Willis, 190, Miami, in the fifth of a punching-fest. Vince Bonomo, 142, New Orleans, fought a four round draw with Tony Mascia, 144½, Al Farese, 163, Boston, kayoed Eddie Alexander, 159¾, Roanoke, in four. Sonny Sehon, 138½, Miami Beach, won by a TKO in four over Joe Acosta, 140, New Orleans. A crowd of 2,444 paid $6,052. Chris Dundee promoted.

A record low in attendance may have been set in West Palm Beach when only 282 fans turned out for the final show of the season here. The main bout, of eight rounds, went to Marvin Dick, 138, Brooklyn, who beat Aldo Menti, 139, Niagara Falls, N. Y. The winner outboxed Menti in the closing rounds for the nod.

Grady Pierce, 154, Miami, drew in four with Wolford Douglas, 149, Nassau, in an excellent fight. Georgie Knowles, 165, Nassau, beat Gene Lewis, 162, Miami, in six. Vince Bonomo, 142, New Orleans, grabbed a sixer from Ronnie DePriest, 144, Roanoke, and Charley Tuzzo, 148, New York, won a four from Flip Romez, 142, West Palm Beach. Chris Dundee, matchmaker.

Tommy Bazzano was a buzz-saw for a round and a-half in his fight with Baby Williams and accomplished the unexpected when they main evented in Tampa. Bazzano bounced the Baby for a beautiful knockout in 1:21 of the second round after keeping up with the Cuban in the swap-swat department in the opener. The pay-off punch was a left to the face, catching the Cuban coming in. Bazzano at 153, conceded Williams eight pounds in weight, 161.

Rafael Lastre, 150, Cuba, whipped Ferman (Bubba) King, Tampa, 145. Tony Nero, 151, New Orleans, defeated Kid Legon, 153, Cuba, who was making his pro debut. This was a sixer. In four round results, Vince Bonomo, 145, of New Orleans, won a splitter from Ronnie DePriest, 144, Roanoke, Va. and Joe Acosta, 140, New Orleans, won from Sonny Sehon, 135, Miami Beach.

Georgie Benton paid no mind to the very impressive record of Cuban middleweight champion Kid Charolito, 37 knockouts in 43 bouts, and proceeded to make the Kid look like a kid in winning a 10 round top tilt at Miami Beach.

Benton, 161, Philadelphia, fighting his second bout in eight months, and a winner over Holly Mims and Bobby Jones, gave a good account of defensive work and clouting. He hurt his left hand after hooking Charolito in the third. Charolito offered only courage. He came in at 162. The mainers could draw only 1,812 fans and a gate of $3,854. Chris Dundee promoted.

Jimmy Sanders, 154, hitting the comeback, made a good effort in obtaining a draw with Billy Lauderdale, 148¾, Hialeah. It was for 10. Sanders dropped Lauderdale with a body punch but was overanxious for the kayo wallop. Billy lasted it out and showed plenty of gumption. The drop came in the ninth.

BOXING FROM THE CAROLINAS
By Chris Cline

WITH the coming of spring, boxing seems to be on the upbeat in the South. Henry (Pappy) Gault, Spartanburg, S. C. bantamweight contender, will headline the first show of the season at the Palmetto City next month.

Gene Burton, New York City middleweight, who was making his first ring start in three years, was outpointed by Eddie Green of Kanapolis, N. C., in the ten round feature at Charlotte, N. C. Green won the unanimous decision in hard fought close battle.

Leo Johnson, Charlotte heavyweight, survived a rough three rounds and came on to outpoint Elle Rogelle, New York, in an action-packed eight rounder. Bobby Lee Headdon, Charlotte flyweight, who was picked as prospect of the month by the Ring showed his skill in overcoming Maurice Treadway, Charlotte featherweight, 6. Richie Rhodes, Charlotte welter, kayoed Buck Earnhardt, Spartanburg, S. C., 3. Billy Short outfought Glen Ivey in a battle of Charlotte featherweights, 6.

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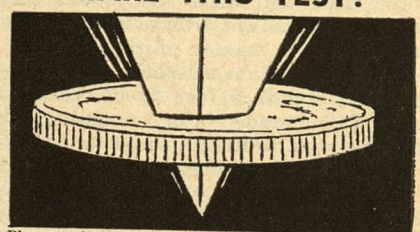

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MARYLAND'S MERRY MAULERS
By Joe Poodles, Sr.

IN what was described by the newspapers as the most savage and thrilling fight ever held at the Baltimore Coliseum, Don Braun won the Maryland State welterweight championship by a unanimous decision over Johnny Cunningham. The 21 year old youngster won by dint of a sustained body attack that weakened his foe as the bout progressed.

It was a twelve rounder, a distance both of these lads traveled for the first time. Boxing commission chairman John Marshall Boone personally donated a diamond studded belt to the winner. Braun tipped the scales at 144, while his foe came in 2 pounds heavier.

Joe Sanchez, 201, won a squeeker from Lou Benson, 198, in the 6 round semifinal. Gene Gunther, 154, returned to the fistic wars after a year of absence by whipping Jerry Gray, 151, in a sixer. Bill "Buddy" Keener, 190, TKO'ed Isaac Dukes, 185, in two rounds. Claude Flager, 168, flattened Al Ames, 169, in the first stanza. Archie Monroe, 146, won a four rounder from Billy Francis, 140.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By Selsso Tiborro

NEVER in our recollection was there such a discussion here as that which followed the fight between Ratan Macias, Mexico's idol and bantamweight champion, and Fili Nava, challenger.

Macias won a twelve round unanimous decision. Nava gave the champion a hard but not very clean battle. As a result, many fans would like to see a rematch.

Papelero Sanchez, 131, stopped Joel Gutierrez, 130, in three. Rogelio Saucedo, 119, decisioned Mike Cruz, 116, in ten.

Carlos Martinez, 155, stopped Rudy Jimenez, 158, in five. Joaquin Carrillo, 124, decisioned Enrique de la Cruz, 125, in ten.

Julio Escobedo, 127, won over Martin Rodriguez, 125, by disqualification, in four. Luis Contreras, 127, decisioned Ezequiel Uribe, 127, in ten.

Genaro Serafin, 127, decisioned Roy Hernandez, 125, in ten. Mario de Leon, 114, decisioned Manuel Rodriquez, 119, in ten.

Emilio de la Rosa, 125, decisioned Luis Castillo, 118, in ten. Luis Villa, 118, decisioned Babe Ruiz, 117, in ten.

Kid Mares, 136, decisioned Marcelino Pena, 136, in ten. Baby Lopez, 117, decisioned Angel Iglesias, 119, in ten.

NEWS OF THE MAT WORLD

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BILL DARNELL

BILL DARNELL is a former Temple University all-around athlete with natural wavy black hair. He is originally from Philadelphia but for wrestling uses Camden, N. J. as a base of operation. His features are like Dane Clark's of the movies. Many times folks have asked for his autograph and were surprised when he wrote "Billy Darnell". Billy won the Junior Heavyweight title of the Pacific Coast and is a master of the airplane spin and short arm scissors. He is 27 years old, stands 5 feet 10 inches and weighs 212 pounds. For a number of years he was a lifeguard at a beach in Wildwood, N. J. where he saved over 30 lives.

Several times he matched his skill in the water against champion swimmers in an ocean five mile race in which he came in second.

During World War II Billy Darnell was in the army and worked on LCM's throughout the Pacific with 86 landing missions to his credits. At one time he had the idea of becoming an archer . , , he can hit nine out of ten with a bow and arrow. He was 16 when he turned wrestler . . . he was subbing in a bout and won so easily he said: "That's for me."

Bill married a TV dancer who travels with him most of the time. Billy and Billy Melby have won back a version of the tagteam title. The Sharpe Bros. failed to show up for their match so the trophy and title was awarded to Darnell and Melby.

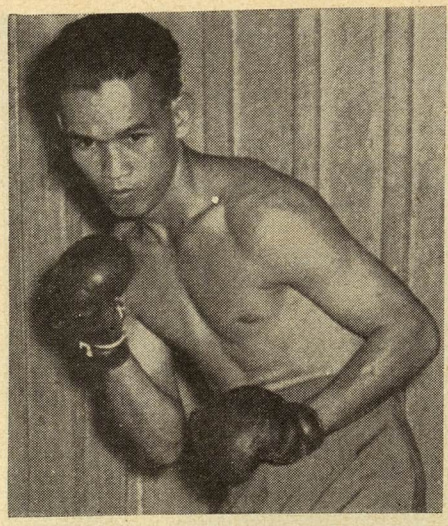
Billy has won over such mat stars as Freiderich Von Schacht and Yamoto. He has met Lou Thesz but fell from the ring and injured his shoulder so he couldn't continue. He says his most severe matches were with Buddy Rogers.

FROM WINNIPEG, CANADA
By Cy Louth

WRESTLING Promoter Alex Turk of Winnipeg and Ald. H. B. Scott of the city council are afeudin' and afightin'. Scott, at a recent meeting of the civic health committee, charged Turk with "soaking the public" by upping the admission price by 25 cents. Turk replied by declaring he had lost money on a wrestling show staged Jan. 8 the first at which prices were increased.

Then, Turk further retaliated by staging the best wrestling shows ever seen in a Winnipeg ring.

On one card was a tag team match such as had never been witnessed here before. In one corner were Dirty Dick Raines, 240, of Dallas, Tex., and Baron Leone, 220, of Abruzzi, Italy; in the other were Kinji Shibuya, 232, Honolulu, and Abe "King Kong" Kashey, 227 of Los Angeles, Calif.



DAMRONGDEJ SMANCHAN

The featherweight champion of Thailand, Damrongdej Smanchan is a rugged, two-fisted little slugger who has been fighting "western" style less then a year.

He got his start, in the Thai style in which kicking, elbowing and kneeing are allowed. In 64 fights over a six year period Damrongdej lost only four times.

Now 24 years old, he is undefeated in five fights since he switched over last summer and in his fourth bout he won the Thai title by defeating the veteran Pol Prapradeng. He also has beaten Philippine Ray Angelo and kayoed Swong Jaimibun, Thongchart Jitsopha, and Prathip Sor-Sor.

An apprentice mechanic in the workshop of the Thailand state railroad, he is looking forward to his coming marriage next year and hopes to be the Orient champion before then.

Smanchan stands 5 feet 6 inches tall and is a strong aggressive fellow. He knows little of boxing science and depends upon his punching power and stamina to win for him.

First fall went to Shibuya when he caught Raines rebounding off the ropes and judo chopped him across the throat after 22 minutes of rough stuff. Ten minutes later Raines reversed the procedure. But he caught Shibuya across the mouth.

Dr. Jack Waugh, wrestling commission physician, was called into the ring when Kinpi began bleeding, but was waved aside by the gurgling grappler. He had only sustained a painfully cut mouth.

The third and final fall ended in a brawl which had the 4,000 customers screaming in anguish. First Shibuya tossed Raines out of the ring onto the time keeper's table. Then Kashey appeared, grabbed the timerkeeper's heavy bell and slammed Filthy Richard over the head.

Here Referee Bill Kuusisto, who had been taking as much of a beating as the wrestlers all throughout the bout, called a halt. He awarded the bout to Raines and Leone on a disqualification of Kashey. Then he received a light poke in the nose from the long-haired Italian for his pains.

The special event between Tony Baillargeon, 214, the Quebec strong boy and Jumping Joe Pazandak, 233, of Minneapolis, was a combination of smart and tough wrestling. It went to a 30-minute draw and met with the approval of the cash customers.

In the semi wind-up, Paul Baillargeon, 240, Tony's brother, took but 21 minutes to dispose of Hans Hermann, 275, the arrogant, strutting German from Hanover. The battle became so bitter that the two opponents forgot they were wrestlers and started to box, with Baillargeon getting the better of the deal.

Winnipeg's own Ole Olson, 210, who is rapidly becoming a thorough villian, went to a 30-minute draw with Angelo Poffo, 225, a good looking lad from Chicago. In the opener Olson, a bleeder, suffered another nose bleed. He sustains about one a match. At one time he almost had Poffo in the land of dreams with a sleeper hold, but this was broken up by Referee Steve Trojack before the Chicagoan blacked out.

Turk is now staging matches once a week, and despite the slight increases in prices, is packing them in to the rafters.

SLADE, THE MAGNIFICENT SPOILER

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too hard to recall his biggest purse—$4800 fighting Bucceroni. He has to think long to pick out the smallest. There were many small ones.

He got $121 fighting Lytell and $173 fighting Doc Williams. He's been to a training camp twice in his life—for one of his fights with Johnson and for the Jackson fight. He thinks his trainer, Battling Norfolk, is the greatest in the business. In the city, he conditions at Gleason's Gym in the Bronx. Now that he's found himself, there's no stopping him.

"First, I want Moore for the light-heavyweight title. Then, I'm going after the heavyweight title. If I can lick Moore, I can lick anybody."

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By Hugh Shannon

BUFFALO'S first boxing show in more than seven months was staged in Memorial Auditorium when Cisco Andrade, unbeaten California lightweight, won a unanimous decision over Armand Savoie of Montreal. The battle was hard-fought and not an easy victory for Andrade who was pressed hard in the two-fisted slugfest that thrilled a crowd of some 3,000 spectators. Gross receipts totalled $6,356.

Buffalo's Jimmy Watkins, 149, beat Columbus Lowman, 155, six rounds; decision; Eddie James, 140, whipped Billy Jones, 139, in four rounds; Bob Biehler, 175, knocked out Willie Tatum, 174, second round; Gordon Wallace, 161, of Brantford, Ont., won six round decision over Jimmy Hall, 160, of Buffalo.

BOXING IN YUCATAN
By Eduardo Amer

MERIDA:—Ramon Cruz, flyweight champion of Yucatan, and Baby Lopez, Mexico City, drew in ten rounds. Antonio "Zorro" Franco, a good flyweight, beat Larzaro Uribe in ten rounds. Peter Zapata, undefeated flyweight, won from Baby Amaya in six rounds. Benito Chan kayoed Baby Ruiz in the second round. Nando Carvajal bested Mundo Camara in four. Both are flyweights.

SEEN ON TV

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truimph over ranking middleweight Gil Turner. He added insult to injury by defeating Turner even more decisively six weeks later. He pelted Turner all the way and had him helpless when the referee stopped the bout in the tenth round.

Bobby a 29 year old veteran of nine years in the ring is the former holder of both the California state welterweight and middleweight titles.

Born in Opelausas, La. he grew up in Beaumont, Texas, before settling on the West Coast. One of seven boys in a family of ten children, he is married and has three boys of his own: Irving, Howard and Robert Lee. Bobby earned his living as a stevedore and warehouseman before deciding on a boxing career.

Without any amateur experience he turned pro. A crowd pleaser whose bobbing and weaving style makes him hard to hit, he gives opponents plenty of headaches.

Jones has fought most of the top men in the 147 and 160 pound classes, dropping a split decision to middleweight king Bobo Olson.

An action fighter, he has become a favorite of TV's fans.

Dennis Pat Brady

THE TV fans across the nation who saw pugfaced Irishman Dennis Pat Brady lose a disputed decision to the number two lightweight contender, Orlando Zulueta, immediately liked the Irish lad.

Dennis, a 26 year old ex-choir boy, is an eleven year vet of the pro ring with 97 fights behind him. He learned his boxing from his dad who was the instructor at St. Anselm's C.Y.O. gym in the Bronx, New York City. His older brother Pat also was a pro lightweight, fighting from 1946 to 1949.

Brady entered the Golden Gloves while a student at Bronx Vocational high. He won the Sub-Novice 118 pound title and gained 15 victories out of 17 amateur bouts, before turning pro in the summer of 1944. Only 16 then, he covered up about his age and got a license in Hartford, Conn. where he is looked upon as a hometown boy.

He fought 25 fights before losing his first bout and has an all over record of 75 wins, 34 by knockouts, 19 losses and 4 draws. He has never been stopped either as an amateur or pro.

A hard fast left hooker, he kayoed Allie Minutoli in 25 seconds, and Earl Trader in 27 seconds. Also, clever, defensive fighter he carries no marks of his trade.

Rated among the top featherweights from 1946 to 1950. Dennis then seemed to lose interest in his career, and did not fight in 1951. He had only 3 bouts in 52 and one in 1953. However this year he has made a comeback scoring four wins prior to the Zulueta fight.

Brady who stands 5 foot. 6 inches and has dark, curly hair, likes to play basketball and swim. An odd note on Irish Pat Brady is that his father was born in Scotland.

MANAGERS VITAL IN HEAVYWEIGHT SUCCESS

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which lasted for many years.

In between their first meeting in 1916 and their legal difficulties in 1925, the pair grossed about 2 million dollars from all sources, but both were starting from scratch when the split-up came in 1925.

With a valuable property to sell, Kearns talked boxcar figures and got them for his fighter. He lived the high life. His fighters usually followed his example, and Dempsey was no exception.

The Doc, who is usually given credit for instilling the spark in Dempsey that made the Manassa Mauler a living legend, was dealt a tough blow by fate when he found himself "included out" of both Dempsey-Tunney extravaganzas which enriched Jack to the tune of $1,261,000.

Fat John Buckley, ailing of late, became synonymous with Boston Jack Sharkey, when the flighty ex-sailor was a heavyweight headliner. The part John played in moulding the career of the talented Sharkey was largely concentrated on curbing the temperament of the unpredictable former champion. One incident back in 1931 is typical.

Sharkey was boxing big Primo Carnera in Ebbets Field, in Brooklyn, N. Y. and in one of the middle rounds, he landed a sharp right, and the Ponderous Paisano settled to the canvas with a jar like a minor earthquake.

The referee droned on and on until it seemed as if he would never reach "ten". As the number "nine" was slowly intoned, Carnera, stirred his huge body into an upright movement. The final "ten" was particularly long drawn out, and the big fellow was wavering unsteadily on his feet as the referee finished his count.

Sharkey, his eyes blazing, screamed that Carnera should have been counted out, then suddenly wheeled and dove headfirst through the ropes. He might have landed in the press row but for the obstacle provided by the billowing front of Fat John, who sensing some such outburst, had leaped upon the ring apron, and blocked Sharkey's erratic exit with his stomach.

This was a high point in Buckley's managerial career, Sharkey bounced back into the ring, as the bell rang ending the round. The fight continued, and Jack went on to win an easy decision.

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MANY years ago, theatrical impresario, William A. Brady and Gentleman Jim Corbett developed a connection which took in both ring and stage. Corbett was a cut above the pugilists of his era in many ways, and Brady saw in him potential fodder for the footlights. He was not wrong. He presented the Californian to the public as both pugilist and thespian. Corbett had great success in the ring, and did better than fair in showbusiness.

Of the noted champions only Gene Tunney did not seem to need a guiding genius, and even here his public relations, good now, but unsatisfactory then, might have been bettered by a strong willed manager. Gene divorced himself from Frank "Doc" Bagley, as soon as he convinced himself he was a coming champion. Billy Gibson, who succeeded Bagley was only a nominal manager of the ex-Marine.

John Roxborough was the organizational expert of the managerial brigade. Louis first pilot, delegated many of the duties assumed by other managers to underlings. He first took on a partner, smooth, urbane, and well contacted politically, Chicagoan Julian Black. Once Louis hit his stride, he was content to give promoter Mike Jacobs priority in plotting the course of the new sensation. He next encased Louis within a coterie including a personal trainer Jack Blackburn, a personal doctor, a tutor, a press agent, a golf instructor, and sundry others complete with coat holders and movie companions. All of these did their jobs well.

In their rise to fame as world heavyweight champions, most of the ring kings took their managers into the celebrity ranks with them. In many cases they wouldn't have been there themselves if it hadn't been for the master minds.

FIRST OLYMPIC BOXING

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ing Yale University, he was recalled to service and in Paris won the A. E. F. and Inter-Allied Games middleweight titles.

In 1920, as a Yale student, he had taken the National A. A. U. heavyweight title and the same year competed the Antwerp Olympics, winning the light heavyweight crown. After receiving his degree from Yale, Eagan entered Harvard Law School, and, after winning a Rhodes scholarship, he annexed the British Empire amateur heavyweight championship while studying at Oxford, where he earned degrees in jurisprudence and law.

Eagan always maintained a keen interest in boxing, though by profession he was far afield from it. However, in 1945 he was elected chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, remaining in that capacity until 1951, when Robert K. Christenberry succeeded him.

The Olympics are a fine athletic tradition, which date back to 776 B. C. Their main objective is to promote good will and a closer unity between all nations. Unfortunately this has not always been so. The desire to win has sometimes replaced the desire to be a sportsman. But as long as we have the Olympic Games we know we are on the right road, toward that seemingly impossible goal of a complete harmony between all peoples.

Boxing today, both amateur and professional, is the No. One international sport. Incidents, at times, may mar friendly relations but we know that, on the whole, sports between countries do more good than harm. We have seen it in *this* game and we have seen it in the Olympic Games.

WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

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Northampton, New Jersey, Missouri and Mississippi.

The USS Iowa were team winners, compiling 29 points, and the USS Mississippi wound up second.

Here are the winners in their respective weight divisions:

112-lb. class:—Ralph Medina, USS Iowa, from New York City.

119-lb. class:—Manuel Garcia, USS Iowa, from Los Angeles, Calif.

125-lb. class:—Al LaLand, USS Macon, from Brooklyn, N. Y.

132-lb. class:—Edward Sims, USS New Jersey, from Muncie, Ind.

139-lb. class:—Robert Ortiz, USS Iowa, from Avondale, Calif.

147-lb. class:—Don Lee Graham, USS Iowa, from Omaha, Neb.

156-lb. class:—James Gross, USS Macon, from St. Cloud, Minn.

165-lb. class:—Israel Neal, USS Mississippi, from Roxbury, Mass.

178-lb. class:—Ivan James, USS Macon, from New York, N. Y.

Heavyweight class:—George Becktol, USS Northampton, from North Liberty, Ind.

There were approximately 2,000 spectators on hand to witness the bouts. Captain J. C. Atkeson, Commanding Officer of the USS New Jersey, presented trophies to the final winners and to runnerups after completion of the tournament.

MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS
By JACK WAINA

FRANK LOFTIS' 22 year old heavyweight, Johnny Summerlin, has been hounding the local gymns since his discharge from the army several months ago and, under the watchful eye of his trainer Theodore McWhorter, has been pronounced fit for actual combat.

Motor City Arena: Attendance 874 paid fans.

Picking up right where they left off two weeks prior, welterweights Chuck Price, of Detroit, and Gene Parker, of Indianapolis, slugged it out for eight solid rounds again. Only Price left no doubt as to the better man this time by gaining a unanimous verdict.

Chuck connected with many telling blows and in the sixth round Parker was shaken up badly and only a remarkable stand by Gene enabled him to continue.

Spotting his opponent, Willie Wilkerson, Detroit, 143¾ pounds, comebacking Tony Lomonaco, 176½, Grand Rapids, managed to punch out a split decision in a four rounder. In a couple of middleweight tussles, Larue Harvey, of Detroit, stopped Charley Witeous, Toledo, in the fourth, and Guido Picone, Canton, defeated Willie Windom, Detroit.

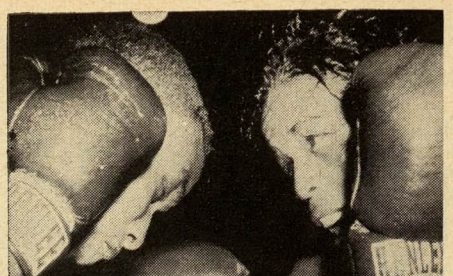
Saginaw Auditorium, promoted by Hank Steinert and the MCBC. Attendance, 1,265 fans; gross $3,336; and net $2,781.

Returning to the scene of his most notable victories, Al Andrews, 151, Superior, had no trouble at all in jabbing out a decisive ten round verdict over Sammy Mastrean, 154, Pittsburgh. Cut over the right eye in the second and bothered from a bloody nose the third round on, Mastrean couldn't keep up with the speedy pace set by Andrews.

Tom Hickey, 162, Chicago, former NCAA 160-lb. champion, won his pro debut over Leffie Walker, 161, Bay City, in four. Alan Kennedy, 140, Bay City, defeated George Reid, 137, Detroit, in five. Willie Wilkerson, 189, Detroit, stopped Chuck Church, 186, Owosso, at 2:14 of the second. Ronnie Mason, 155, Detroit, halted Chuck Dilsworth, 149, Toledo, at 2:10 of the fourth, and Luke Wooten, 131, Toledo, bested Calvin Hill, 134, Detroit, in four.

Motor City Arena: Attendance 1,174 spectators.

Slipping and sliding with the punches of Pat Lowry, 147½, Toledo, from side to side,



Bobby Jones (left) and Gil Turner stand head to head, slugging it out during that bout at Philadelphia, which Bobby won by a knockout in the tenth round.

Clarence "Duke" Harris, 147¼, Detroit, thumped out an impressive triumph over the ex-marine favorite. Unbeaten in making his seventh pro start, Harris tired slightly in the late rounds of their eight rounder, but managed to exhibit enough skill and agility to ward off the late efforts of Lowry.

Larue Harvey, 159¼, Detroit, and Henry Hank (Joe Smith), 155½, Detroit, renewed their war with the former squeaking out a close four round split decision. Both comebacking Chuck Coleman, 161¼, Detroit, and Eddie Zaremba, 166, Jackson, were forced to get off the canvas to salvage their five rounders. Coleman decisioned Bobby Jackson, 166¼, Cleveland, and Zaremba had to settle for a draw with Charley Witeous, 161, Toledo.

Motor City Arena: Attendance approximately 1,100 fans.

The first meeting between Chuck Price, 150, Detroit, and Gene Parker, 149, Indianapolis, had announcer Bill Raymond naming the former as victor following their eight round scrap. But shortly afterwards an error was detected in the marking of one of the official's cards and Parker was then proclaimed official victor on a split decision.

Parker was down for an eight count in the second round, but was not badly hurt and came back stronger, scoring with plenty of good left jabs while boxing at long range. The ever game Price forced the majority of the action and, although still inclined to be wild at times, did manage to get the best of the slugging exchanges.

Bill Hunter, 179, Detroit, made a successful pro debut by holding the vastly experienced Tony Lomonaco, 175, Grand Rapids, to a draw in four. Stanley Kursa, 134, Detroit, outscrambled Harry "Chico" Clay, 133, Bay City, in five, and Alan Kennedy, 142, Bay City, TKO'd Bob Walters, 141, Detroit, in the fifth.

Motor City Arena: Attendance approximately 1,100 fans.

Ruggedness and durability won out over speed and punching power as Toxie Hall, 193, Chicago, gained sweet revenge for an earlier defeat at the hands of Embrel Davidson, 206¾, Detroit, when the latter refused to answer the bell for the seventh round, claiming injury to his right hand. Davidson took the opening rounds with some of the hardest punching seen here in years, but Hall withstood the bombing and was more than just holding his own when Davidson retired.

Al Berry, 150, Jackson, bested Hank Lassure, 144, Flint, in five. Oscar Pharo, 195, Detroit, sent John Minter, 220½, Detroit, to the hospital when he scored his second straight win over the former CYO champion at 2:41 of the first. Bobby Evans, 158, Detroit, TKO'd Jules Garceau, 162½, Windsor, at 2:29 of the second. Chuck Church, 186, Owosso, halted Bob Lusk, 190, Jackson, at 1:16 of the second, and Young Chico, 150¼, Detroit, TKO'd Howard Anderson, 149½, Detroit, at 2:52 of the second.

Motor City Arena: Attendance approximately 900 fans.

Clarence "Duke" Harris, 149, Detroit, came into his own when he halted Irish Bob Finnerty, 152, Cleveland, in the fourth round. The opening rounds were close, but "Duke" took command in the third and midway through the fourth landed a solid right that caught Finnerty moving away flush on the jaw and down he went for the full count at 1:50.

Larue Harvey, 160, Detroit, got off the canvas to best Bobby Jackson, 162½, Cleveland, in four. Stanley Kursa, 134, Detroit, drew with Bobby Brooks, 139, Detroit, in five. Jules Garceau, 164, Detroit, KO'd James Johnson, 168, Detroit, at 1:09 of the opening round, and Allan Kennedy, 143, Bay City, TKO'd Charley Terrana, 141, Detroit, at 2:00 of the fourth.

IN INDIANA RINGS
By Tony Coppi

THIS Hoosier State has had few boxing shows in the past few years but a look into the future indicates that the sport may have a shot in the arm with new talent developing.

Youngsters such as Gene Parker, Indiana welter champ; Joe Tuvell, former Navy light-heavy champ, Tommy Bain, a promising 118 pounder; Chuck Adkins, former Olympic lightweight titleholder; Bob Cotton, a lightheavy, and Jimmy Welsh, round out a group of boys that will fill boxing cards for promoters in this state.

A change in the State Athletic Commission has been made by Governor George Craig in announcing the appointment of Matt W. Foster of Evansville, as chairman of the commission. Arch Hindman of Hagerstown, is to be named executive secretary, a new post which actually puts him at the helm of the group and in a position which he has carried for almost nine years.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. Jimmie Amann

JOHNNY Gonsalves, the California lightweight, just about cinched a match for the title at Cincinnati's Music Hall when he won a 10 round decision over Wallace (Bud) Smith on an Art Wirth promoted show.

Gonsalves, 136½, played the cutie against the local boy who came in at 138½.

$4,999.75 was the gross and 1,663 fans attended. The attendance was hampered by a local spring football game.

Marty Marshall knocked out Herb Moore in 2 heats, light heavys; Isaac Vaughn stopped inexperienced Marvin Day in 2, lightweights; Al Berry won from Ronnie Hamlin 6, welters; Charlie Glover won on tko over Adrian Hefel in 2, a cut eye stopping the match. Billy Windom won from Ray Jackson in 4 rounds.

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BOXING IN UTAH
By Pete Giacoma

TOMMY Martin, well-known local referee, has opened a gym at 231-35 Edison St., in Salt Lake City. It is one of the finest gyms in the Rocky Mountain states.

Gene Fullmer, hard punching middleweight from West Jordan, Utah, was recently discharged from the Army. Gene scored three knockdowns in less than two minutes to stop the veteran Charley Cato, Oakland. It was the twentieth win for Gene in his career that was interrupted by two years of army service.

Ron Whittle, West Jordan light heavyweight, came off the deck in the fifth to win an eight round decision over Art (Young Beau Jack) Hughes, Oakland. Benny Flake, 167, Salt Lake City, was too cute for Billy Marshall, 164, Oakland, 6. Eddie Ulibeeri, 121, Salt Lake City kayoed Johnny White Cloud, 121, Denver, in the second. Willie Sulzman, Salt Lake City, stopped Keet Sosie, Brigham, Utah in two heats.

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CANADIAN MARITIME NEWS
By C. Steele

ST. STEPHEN, N. B.: Harry Poulton, 158, Charlottetown, stopped Tony Martin, 160, New York, in round five of an exhibition bout.

Bobby Greenier, St. Stephen, 133, stopped "Tiger" Pyle, 133, Moncton in round two.

K. O. Gautreau, 152, Moncton, was disqualified for a low blow in round one with "Bullfrog" Bartlett, 155, St. Stephen.

This corner regrets to report the untimely death of Harry McLean who met death in a plane crash enroute to Calgary, Alberta, where he was scheduled to engage in a Canadian light heavy-weight title bout. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the widow and family of the late William Harry McLean.

REPORT FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

DANNY KID, 110, of Manila, became the flyweight champion of the Philippines by knocking out Hitoshii Misako, 108, of Japan, in the 10th round at the New Olympic stadium of Grace Park under the promotion of Agustin Pineda.

The Japanese was outpointing the Filipino in the earlier rounds with his fast footwork and outjabbed the slow moving Filipino. In the fatal 10th Misako, after a brief exchange, found himself on the floor to be counted out.

Leo Alonzo, 126, kayoed Baby Dundee, 127, in ten. Villesa Villar, 115, won over Bert Gonzales, 116, in six rounds. Agno River Boy, 117, kayoed Chun Hai, 121, in the 4th round. Baby Ross, 112, won over Small Doro, 114, in six rounds. Gene Aragon, 109, decisioned Rene Lanzuela, 110, in four. Navotas Kid, 125, stopped Ben Mortel, 124, in the second.

Young Eddie, 122, of Manila, beat Al Custer, 119, of Pampanga, in 6 rounds at Binan, Laguna. Fred Pestanas, 120, kayoed Baby Rosenberg, 120, in the 5th round. Young Elino, 122, stopped Frisco Romero, 120, in the 3rd round. Rudy Alcantara, 112, was knocked out in the 5th round by Little Garcia, 112. Flash Salvador, 116, won over Tenejeros Boy, 121, in four rounds. Little Cesar, 113, beat Young Berning, 112, in four rounds. Matiaga Boy, 118, outpointed Balibago Boy, 117, in four rounds.

Tommy Romulo, 132, of Manila, became the new lightweight champion of the Philippines when he kayoed Keijiro Kazama, 133, of Japan, in the 9th round in the Coliseum.

Kazama was aggressive but found his rival too strong for him. In the 4th round Kazama took an 8 count when he received a left to the chin. In the fatal 9th the Filipino landed with a right to the jaw and ended the night for the Japanese fighter.

Akiyoshi Akanuma, 124, of Japan, stopped Jackie Trillana, 125, of Manila, in the 6th round. Trillana was down twice in the first round with lefts to the chin.

At the start of the 6th, Rafael Cuyugan, manager of Trillana, told the referee that his boy had enough.

Ben Escobar, 124, kayoed Albredo Barretto, 126, in the 3rd round. Philip Chavez, 116, won over Ray Ming Chan, 121, of Baguio, in 4 rounds. Willie Tomada, 121, kid brother of Romulo, knocked out Little Manuel, 120, in the 2nd round. Golden Boy, 105, won over Frankie Young, 108, in four rounds. Young Narcing, 107, beat Freddie Balbuena, 107, in four.

Rudy Alcantara, 112, of Manila, drew with Cunning Andy, 112, of Romblon in an 8 rounder at the Nasugbo Stadium, Nasugbo, Batangas. Bill Tinde, 127, kayoed Strong Sorsogon, 127, in the 4th round. Hammer Boy, 110, won over Kid Piga, 112, in 4 rounds. Rudy Hawaiian, 108, stopped Smart Vargas, 110, in the 4th round. Star Leonardo, 110, knocked out Sports de Leon, 115, in the first round.

Nestor Reyes, 123, of Binan, won over Enie Pineda, 120, of Pampanga, in 10 rounds in Binan, Laguna. Young Elino, 126, kayoed Kid Pampanga, 127, in the 6th round. Gon Serafico, 100, won over Anong Junior, 102, in 6 rounds. Primo Paraiso, 112, beat Fred Florendo, 116, in four. Young Coling, 115, outpointed Rocky Lazaro, 117, in four rounds. Flash Salvador, 127, stopped MR Kid, 120, in the 4th round.

Xth Battalion, 147, and Young Paulino, 148, drew in 10 rounds in Victorias, Negros Occidental. Nursery Kid, 120, deposed Cleto Najar, 125, in the 8th round. Rush Tony, 120, won over Vida Romero, 120, in 8 rounds. Rocky Minoy, 116, and Speed Tony, 116, drew in 6 rounds. Vicente Ditching, 105, won over Speed Alvarico, 105, in four. Larry Aquino, 125, beat Randy Gustillo, 125, in a 4 rounder.

Nestor Reyes, 123, badly outpointed Young Eddie, 125, in 8 rounds in Binan, Laguna. Nestor proved too fast for his slow moving rival. Fred Pestanas, 116, decisioned Oscar Reyes, 115, in 6 rounds. Young Elino, 126, beat Young Marcos, 130, in another six rounder. Mario Manuel, 113, and Young Paraiso, 112, drew in 4 rounds. Flash Salvador, 114, kayoed Little Johnny, 113, in the 2nd round. Matiaga Boy, 122, and Balibago Boy, 121, drew in 4 round curtain raiser.

The Bill of Congressman Serafin Salvador of the Second District of Rizal province has been approved by the Philippine Congress and still under study of the Senate. The Bill reduces the amusement tax to 15% of the gross receipts of every boxing promotion and the municipal tax will not be more than 5% of the gross.

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MALAYAN BOXING NEWS
By Kok Lit Yoong

A BIG crowd was present to witness the 5-bouts program staged at Kim's Park in Batu Pahat. The main event was between Paul Cheng, Singapore welter, and Sgt. Ah Kow, Johore. Paul was the better boxer throughout and made a punching bag of his opponent. His footwork was good and he punched Ah Kow into submission in the 6th round.

Unbeaten Don Razali outpointed George Boh over eight rounds. John James ko'ed L. C. Koh in the 4th; Cisco Kid beat Boy Salas by a TKO and Gim Ling outpointed Bobby Oh.

John James outpointed Fighting Jamal over 6 heats. Don Razali and Cisco Kid drew after six rounds, Gim Ling and Chua Gim Chiang drew after 6 rounds.

BOXING IN PUERTO RICO
By Mario Martino

AT the Parque Sola Morales in Caguas: Efrain (Cyclone) Santiago, 118, scored a unanimous ten round decision over Ray Laboy, 117½. Santiago scored effectively with a left jab and a left hook throughout and encountered little difficulty in beating his foe.

The semi-final eight round bout saw Pastor Casado score a very close eight round decision over Louis Carmona. They are bantamweights. In a six round middleweight bout Victor M. Hernandez outpointed William Molina.

Ernesto Pumarejo scored easily over Emilio Gonzalez in four rounds. Ramon Mendez, 117, scored a three round kayo over Antonio Rivera, 117.

This program drew an approximate gate of $1,000.

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FAR EAST BOXING RIDING HIGH

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States, the officials are very much opposed to its complications and changes are in order. From my conferences with those in charge of boxing in Hawaii, Japan, the Philippine Islands and Thailand—the Big Four in boxing in the Pacific area—the New York system or the Milwaukee system, each of which has been acknowledged in America as the best, will soon be in use in the Orient and in Hawaii.

AT the beautiful Chinzan-So Gardens where the boxing commissioner of Japan, 72 years old Munehide Tanabe tossed a party in my honor at which were present the representatives of Japan's newspapers and television stations, I was asked to speak on Japan's shortcomings in boxing and to offer a solution for their elimination. I told the scribes of Cuba's and Italy's sponsorship of boxing under government supervision as part of the Physical Education departments of those countries.

Italy and Cuba, I informed the delegation, had special government employed supervisor coaches, Kid Chocolate in Cuba and Steve Klaus in Italy, and as a result those nations have turned out excellent talent that has proved its ability against the best of other nations.

I suggested that in view of the fact that Spike Webb, former head U. S. Olympic coach, and for many years top man in boxing instruction in the U. S. Naval Academy would retire in June, he would be an ideal man to place in charge of a school for coaches in Japan for six months. The delegation seemed pleased at this suggestion and I was told by Commissioner Tanabe that he would make such an appointment if proper arrangements can be made with Webb.

WHEN Moose Taussig, the American promoter, toured Japan with Spider Roach, Longshot Mitchell and Togo Koriyama, first Jap to engage in boxing, he sowed the seed that has grown into a huge tree. Some of the posters which he used for his exhibitions on May 7, 1922, are still to be seen in one of the sports clubs. Little did Moose then dream that Japan would one day have a world title holder, yet it came to pass and in addition to the world champion, Japan has the Orient featherweight title holder in Masuru Kaneko, an excellent boy who would do well in the States, and several flyweights who with a little American training would head for the top. Among them is Speedy Akira, who has filled the flyweight title vacated by Shirai.

The difficulty in Japan in developing its talent, besides poor coaches, is the hold that owners of gymnasiums have on the men who train there. If a boy once enters a gymnasium to train, he automatically becomes the property of the owner, who feeds and clothes him and becomes his manager, coach and trainer even though his knowledge of boxing is limited. Thus a fighter becomes the chattel mortgage of the owner from whom he cannot be freed. Thus often the night's card, consists of talent in each bout, possessed by the promoter-manager his boys filling the entire bill or close to it.

This has aroused considerable criticism since often the fighter obtains little for his services, the contention of the promoter being that since he has kept the boy from the time he joined his gymnasium, the promoter should properly be compensated by taking the earnings of the fighter.

I pointed out, following open discussion on this point to the commissioner and to the scribes at my clinics which were well attended, the unfairness of such a situation. I told those in attendance that such a situation couldn't exist under our commission rules and that there is no future in store for a fighter who has no contract with a manager, doesn't know how much he is going to get for a fight, cannot attend any other gymnasium to see how others work and never has an opportunity to be a free agent, to choose the democratic way, the person whom he wants as his manager.

IN Shirai, Japan has a handsome, rangy, clean-cut, clever champion who is also a good hitter. He met me at the airport and later I visited him at his beautiful home to obtain an idea how a champion in Japan lives.

I found a most charming young wife and beautiful six months old daughter awaiting me in an immaculately clean home. Shirai met me at the entrance, had me remove my shoes, handed me a pair of sandals and brought me in the dining room for tea and cookies. His home is loaded with Japanese antique teak-wood. He has many hobbies, among them, like myself, that of collecting antiques. He is a landscape artist who has arranged a beautiful Japanese rock garden outside his home, with many of the plants, small and large maples, several hundred years old.

Adjoining his home, he has built a regulation size ring in his own gymnasium and with the aid of Dr. Cahn, his American mentor to whom he owes his rise, he has invented several special boxing gloves for training, the likes of which we could well use in our gyms. One is somewhat similar to the huge glove Charley Goldman uses in training Rocky Marciano, a pear-shaped glove, 16 inches in height, worn by the trainer on one hand for use as a substitute for the large bag.

The trainer works it to and fro, side to side, while Shirai hooks, jabs, counters and goes through all other movements without receiving anything in return.

He also has invented a huge glove like a catcher's mitt, nine inches wide, hollow in the center, a small hand pocket in the rear and made of heavy leather. Dr. Cahn wears this while Shirai tosses blows for head and chest that are caught by his trainer.

Shirai, unlike Americans, has four types of punching bags—for speed and heavy work. The smallest is only four inches in diameter and six inches high and with that, the champ gets a rebound that forces him at all times to be on the alert.

He does road work for weeks before starting his active training for a fight, then no more while in training. He says this is done because he finds it difficult to keep up his weight and road work forces too much of a loss. For building up stamina, he does many chores in the vicinity of his home, stationed on ground that was widely bombed during the war and flattened.

MUNEHIDE TANABE, 72 years old Commissioner, is the man who has enabled Japan to reach the position it now occupies in boxing. He is a veteran sports promoter, owner of stadiums, who, like Jim Norris, brings in stock car races, ice shows, cycling, track meets, baseball and other sports events to his arenas. Under his guidance—he's the only commissioner—boxing has been raised to a point where to-day it is the biggest and most active in the Orient.

There is no government regulation of boxing in Japan but what Tanabe says is law. There is never any dispute over Tanabe's decisions. What he prescribes is obeyed by all.

He boasts of the fact that at the Korakuen Stadium of Tokyo, 35,000 saw Shirai take the title from Dado Marino in 1952 and that many other title bouts under his supervision have brought on close to sellout houses. The stadium belongs to him and is the home of the pro baseball club where the Giants recently performed.

Tanabe comes from a family with a long history in the field of entertainment. The family owns the controlling stock in Shin-Toho, one of the three big movie studios in Japan. He is Chairman of the Board.

His eldest brother, one time Minister of Commerce and Industry for Japan and president of the Chamber of Commerce, owns the Hankyu railway in Osaka. The family owns the famous Takarazuka, the largest theatrical and entertainment organization in Japan. In it are a zoo, an amusement park and three large theatres. The place has hot springs baths and a school for actors and actresses. Takarazuka forms the central stage in James Michener's current best seller, "Sayonara."

Tanabe was a fighter in his youth. He hopes soon to visit our country to make a study of boxing regulations. He is president of the Kanto Race Club and is the owner of the Teikoku-Kai, the Imperial Boxing Club. No sportsman in Japan is better thought of and honored than Munehide Tanabe, Japan's Boxing Commissioner.

On the day of my departure from Japan, he presented me with a beautiful Cloissone smoke set and Shirai gave me a handsome silver plate with the inscription, "from Yoshio Shirai, world flyweight Champion, to Nat Fleischer, Editor of The Ring." In presenting it he remarked that while other champions have given me a watch, he would be different.

BOXING IN SOUTH TEXAS
By Harlan Haas

GALVESTON: Pirrin Vega, 147, Mexico City, took a unanimous ten round decision over the rugged Al Juergens, 147, San Antonio. Vega was too sharp, and punched too often with both hands.

Alex Vargas, 145, Galveston, hammered out an eight round decision over the bobbing Danny Cardenas, 145, San Antonio. Vargas was making his last local appearance prior to going overseas with an Army unit.

Al Horton, 156, Sylacauga, Ala., came out even in a wild six rounder with Robert Martinez, 160, San Antonio.

In fours, Ray Gonzales, 130, Del Rio, looked good winning over Loel Ibarra, 130, Mexico, while in the opener Ray Brown, 142, Dickinson, edged Everett Jolivet, 140, Galveston.

Galveston: Paul Jorgensen, 135, Port Arthur's classy youngster, breezed to a win over Mike Turcotte, 132, New Orlean's southpaw, in a ten. The co-ten saw the experienced Buddy Holderfield, 145, Little Rock ,stop the durable Chato Hernandez, 140, Mexico, in the fifth round.

In the top four John Neely, 160, Port Arthur, returned to ring wars to edge Robert Martinez, 160, San Antonio. Another four saw Ray Gonzales, 133, Del Rio, make it two straight over Loel Ibarra, 130, Mexico, and in the curtain raiser, Oran "King" Roberts, 138, Florida cutey, dropped the duke to sharp punching Eddie Wiloby, 138, Galveston.

Galveston: The ten round rematch between Sauveur Chiocca, 147, of France and El Conscripto, 145, of Mexico took place at the City Auditorium, and this one was even more exciting than the first. As in their initial meeting, El Conscripto, welterweight titleholder of Mexico and Texas, emerged victorious. Chiocca came in at 147, to 145 for Conscripto.

Earle "Chief Early Bird" Keel, 180, Oklahoma City, stopped the veteran Houston heavyweight, Jack Pearce, 185, in two rounds.

Pete Sanchez, 149, Houston, required a total of two rounds to halt Manuel Escamilla, 145, Galveston. The Isle City boy was down for the third time when the referee intervened. In other fours, Rudy Cruz (Cruz Flores), 136, Houston, dropped a thriller to Ray Gonzales, 133, Del Rio, while the opener was declared no contest in three between Eddie Williams, 179, Galveston, and Jim O'Bryant, 200, Florida.

Ringside Club, Houston: Henry Luera, 128, Houston, edged tough Bobby Henry, 128, Orange in eight. It was a thriller all the way.

In the co-eight, Stanley Jones, 156, Houston, demolished the shifty Lloyd Nelson, 152, Houston, in five rounds.

In the five round semi-final, the carrot topped wildman from Sylacauga, Al Horton, 155, banged out a win over Pete Sanchez, 149, Houston, in a real brawl. Ray Gonzales, 130, Del Rio, scored a two round tko over Don Riggs, 128, Houston. Santos Perez, 140, Palacious, made his pro debut by turning the lights out for Tony Gonzales, 145, Houston, in three rounds.

Ringside Club, Houston: Juan Perez, 128, Corpus Christi, was declared the winner by a tko in the sixth round over Baby Alaniz, 126, Houston, when the latter injured his right wrist and was unable to continue.

Al Horton, 155, Sylacauga, dropped a disputed decision to experienced Vince Mazac, 168, Houston, in the five round semi-windup. Santos Perez, 140, blasted Lou Sierra, 137, to sleep with a haymaker delivered from the starboard side in the second frame. Clint Harshman, 135, Houston, got a tko over Nick Rollin, 135, Alabama, when the latter dislocated his shoulder.

Ringside Club, Houston: In the eight round featured event, Vince Mazac, 168, Houston, got the duke over Robert Martinez, 160, San Antonio, by a split decision.

In a six rounder, Al Horton, 155, gave Pete Sanchez, 150, Houston, a shellacking to earn the nod. In a quartet of fours Tony Gonzales, 145, Houston, beat Glen "Rusty" Rossman, 145, Houston; Rudy Cruz, 136, Houston, edged Bobby Flores, 130, Houston, who made his pro debut; Lester Brown, 145, undefeated local boy, stopped Glen Johnson, 150, Houston, in three; while Charles Beasley, 145, Houston, defeated Ray Brown, 140, Dickinson.

Ringside Club, Houston: The sensational young Port Arthur lightweight, Paul Jorgensen, opposed the rough, tough kid from Orange, Bobby Henry, in the main attraction. The Golden boy set a teriffic pace, and young Henry began to wilt in the sixth. A powerful right hand dropped him for nine in that hectic round. Jorgensen really turned on the steam in the seventh, and with the courageous Henry bleeding from a cut cheekbone, nose, and mouth, referee Jimmy Webb stepped between them, and that was it for the night.

In the five round semi-final, roughhouse Al Horton, 155, Sylacauga, trimmed Robert Martines, 155, San Antonio, while, Frenchy LeBlanc, 135, Port Arthur, beat Maxie Trero, 130, Houston, in four. Marvin "Ace" Droddy, 135, former Houston Golden Glove star, made an impressive pro debut by edging Ray Gonzales, 133, Del Rio, 4. Bobby Flores, 134, former local amateur kayo artist, drew with Rudy Cruz, 136, Houston, 4.

Texas fight talk . . . Promoter Ralph Smith just returned from a 2400 mile trip which carried him all through Mexico. He found an abundance of talent below the border, and Isle City fistic followers can look forward to viewing some topnotch Mexican battlers in the months to come. . . . Mickey Brown, 15 yr. old son of former heavyweight George Brown, can go with any simon pure welter in the country. He has worlds of all-around class. . . . Frank Miller, former Victoria amateur scrapper, just back from Korea where he won the Bronze Star. Frank is now a hillbilly recording artist.

IOWA, SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS
By Bill Hawkins

SIOUX CITY, Ia.—Willis Forbes, Sioux City Golden Gloves tournament director, presented the Junior Golden Gloves team trophy to the co-managers, Billy Engel and Bill O'Gara of South Sioux City. The South Sioux City team scored 16 wins during the four-night tournament. The tourney is under the sponsorship of the Exchange Club, formed to give the youngsters a chance to show off their fistic ability. One of the prime factors of the organization in their work is the curbing of the juvenile delinquency.

LAST MINUTE SPARKS . . .Don't forget our address is 2206 N. Lafayette, Sioux City, Ia., Phone 8-6849, and news for this spot must be in our hands by the third of each month . . . Sailor Burke, former Sioux City boxer, is still in the T. B. Hospital at Kearney, Nebr., and would like very much to hear from all his old freinds . . . mail will reach him at Box 3155, Kearney, Nebr., so come on fellows give the old fighting Sailor a shower of letters, he will appreciate it. See you next month.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By Max Yeargain

"BOBCAT" BOBBY BICKLE, the Midwest's lightweight champion, chalked up his 27th win in 29 professional fights at Salt Lake City's Coliseum when the Kansas Citian knocked out dusky Al Moore of Oakland, Calif., in the ninth round of Virg Peck's main event.

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MINNESOTA NEWS
By Billy Colbert

ST. PAUL AUDITORIUM: Before a large crowd, for the close of the golden glove season, St. Paul won the annual event by one victory. One of the upsets was the defeat of Chuck Harris, Upper mid-west champ, who was beaten by Danny Nelson from St. Paul.

St. Paul Auditorium: Ramon Fuentes, 165, Los Angeles welterweight, won a ten round decision, from Jimmy Martinez, 153, Phoenix welterweight, in the ten round main event before a good crowd. It was a very fast fight all the way.

Ralph Alverez, 148, St. Paul, decisioned Jentrice Oneil, St. Paul, 146, in six rounds. Mickey Zielke, La Crosse, 143, won by a T.K.O. over Tony Pappas, Detroit, 145, in three rounds.

George James, Chicago, 146, decisioned Georgie Price, 145, St. Paul, in six rounds. Pete Kiwaula, Winnipeg, 137, decisioned Salvatore Sinah, Chicago, in six rounds.

Emmett Weller has opened up a new Gym in St. Paul in the basement of the St. Francis Hotel.

Blaine Young, a good middleweight a few years ago, is now wrestling under the name of Farmer Jackson and doing very well for himself.

The Ring is for sale at all the news stands in the Twin Cities but send in your subscription in order to get your copy early.

Johnny Tillman, one of the greatest welterweights thirty years ago, is an inspector of the Minnesota Athletic Commission.

NORTHWESTERN REPERCUSSIONS
By Hugh Sutton

BOISE: Tri-State promoter, Tex Hager, staged an excellent card in the Riverside arena which was filled to the brim with fans.

The main go featured Bobby Woods of Spokane, and Billy Gibson of San Francisco. Woods gave a lesson in the manly art of self defense. But the California boy was game all the way through. Bobby put the boy from California down three times in the third round, to win the bout in that round.

Mickey Rhodes was top banana all the way through when he gave Charlie Clem a good trimming for six rounds. Rhodes put the Indian down three times in the sixth.

Johnny Williams, of Kansas City, mixed it with the hard punching Harley Breshears of Parma, Ida., and Williams had to move plenty fast to keep out of reach of dynamite puncher, Breshears. But the K.C. lad finally got tagged in the "vittle kettle" and was knocked colder than a banker's stare in the third.

In a four-round, Bob Backus of La Grande, Ore., won a split decision over Pat Patterson of Boise. Patterson slipped to the floor early in the fourth and took the nine-count. George Mocaby of Boise won a four-round decision over Blaine Davis of Boise.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS
By Chester Norton

LEN WALTERS, 125, Vancouver, withstood the test of his first main event with no difficulty as he neatly outboxed a very unorthordox foe in Casey Jones, 121¼, San Francisco, over ten rounds.

Earl McDonald, 146½, Vancouver, continued his winning ways by outboxing Ron Milne, 154, Spokane. Tony Alvarez, 126½, Seattle, and Ted Hall, 125¼, St. Louis, fought to a technical drew in five rounds. Alvarez' eye was badly cut by an accidental head butt and the referee stopped the contest and wisely called it a draw.

In a four, Frenchy Belanger, 147, Vancouver, lost to Al Cobb, 149¾, Stockton. Sid Morris-Roe, 144, Vancouver, won his first pro start by a KO over Brave Junior, 153, Klamath Falls, in the third.

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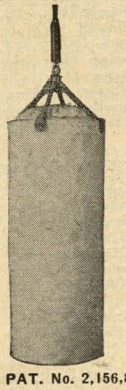

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NEWS OF BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

LIVERPOOL:—Pat McAteer, Birkenhead, 158½, stopped Arthur Acha, Belgium, 160½, in 1 min. 45 secs. of the last round, of a bout scheduled for eight. The referee intervened when McAteer went all out for the kill, after having the Belgian middleweight in a bad way.

Ron Barton, West Ham, 166, again showed class, when he stopped Eric Metcalfe, Northwich, 166, in the second round. Vincent O'Kine, Gold Coast, 150½, outpointed Roy Johnson, Liverpool, 153, in six. Bola Lawal, Nigeria, 133, outpointed Emrys Jones, Oswestry, 135, in a hard fought 8 rds. Pat McCarthy, Birenhead, 129½, stopped Glyn Evans, Askern, 128½, in the third. Paul Dunn, Dublin, 118, outpointed Billy Gibson, Askern, 118, in four.

EDINBURGH:—Don McTaggart, Paisley, 133½, Scottish lightweight champion, stopped Jackie Colpitts, Prudhoe, 137¾, in the eighth and final round, when the referee intervened. Chick Brogan, Clydebank, 125, outpointed Gene Caffery, Glasgow, 126, in ten. Billy Taylor, Stirling, 121½, stopped Ken Scott, Gateshead, 125¾, in the second, via the K.O. route. John Kenny, Glasgow, 128, knocked out Les Darcy, Middlesborough, 126, in the first. Bob Conway, Stockton, 156½, and Sid Cameron, Edinburgh, 159½, drew in six.

BLACKPOOL:—Attu Clottey, Gold Coast, 147, gained a quick revenge for a points defeat, when he stopped Peter King, Manchester, 149½, in the second. The referee intervened when King was not in any kind of condition to defend himself. Tommy Mason, Liverpool, 138½, gained a pojnts decision over Jacky Dyer, Bolton, 138, in eight. Ray Jones, Cockermouth, 124, outpointed John Joseph, Belfast, 125½, in four. Ken Duckworth, Preston, 142½, stopped Ron Kilsaw, Blackpool, 143½, in the sixth. George Eastham, Preston, 145½, stopped Alan Forest, Blackpool, 147, in the second.

BELFAST:—Eddie McNally, Portadown, 127, defeated John Griffen, Belfast, 126¼, in the fourth, when the referee intervened after perusing the badly cut eye of Griffens. Joe Quinn, Belfast, 126¼, outpointed Andy Monaghan, Southport, 131½, in eight. Eddie O'Connor, Dublin, 111, easily outpointed Jimmy Chadwick, Wigan, 109½, in eight. Paddy Graham, Belfast, 134¾, stopped Leo McCutcheon, Lisburn, 132½, in two. Charlie O'Neill, Belfast, 6, stopped Tom Griffen, 119½, in three.

NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB:—Les Morgan, Acton, 147, outclassed Pat Mack, Islington, 148, within 65 secs of the first round, and the referee wisely intervened in favor of Morgan. Roy Colverson, Stepney, 126, outpointed Johnny Mercer, Nottingham, 126½, in three rounds of the featherweight competition. Frankie Sayers, Newcastle, 123¾, outpointed Mel Kirk, Workshop, 125, in three. In the semi-final of the series, Frankie Sayers, outpointed Roy Colverson in three. George Clay, Nottingham, 125¾, stopped Terry Lumsden, Bristol, 125, in the second. Denny Dennis, Plumstead, 127¾, outpointed Jackie Leonard, Islington, 129½, in six. Frank Hewitt, Fulham, 133, outpointed Henry Cuffey, British Guiana, 135, in six.

CROYDON:—Peter Waterman, Clapham, 143, again defeated Patsy Gutteridge, Bow, 145½, via the cut eye route, in the third. Bob Cleaver, Attleborough, 162½, outpointed Ron Pudney, Croydon, 168, in eight. Controversy was the order of the day or night, when the referee judged that Ron Kensington, Tooting, 150, had failed to beat the count in his contest with Norman Saunders, Croydon, 151, in the second round. Tony Barrett, Pimlico, 142, outpointed George Greenwood, Dagenham, 145, in six. Alex Gurton, Dagenham, 162, outpointed Jack Hughes, Belfast, 161½, in six. Del Breen, Croydon, and Fred Balio, Gold Cost, 158, drew in six.

HUDDERSFIELD:—Peter Smith, Huddersfield, 146½, boxed well to outpoint, Eric Billington, Golborne, 147, over 10 rounds. Hugh Ferns, Glasgow, 209½, outpointed Simon Templar, Jamaica, 227½, in eight. Dai Davies, lightweight champion of Wales, after being forced to retire in the fifth round, against Allan Tanner, British Guiana, 138, stated from the ring that this was his last contest. Terry McHale, Liverpool, 125, had a big weight advantage over Sid Charles, Channel Islands, 114, and won on points, in eight. Ron Dunscombe, Jersey, 160¼, outpointed Jack Johnson Cofie, Gold Coast, 160, in six. Sid Cain, Watford, 174¾, stopped Jackie Abbott, Huddersfield, 169¼, in the fifth.

WATFORD:—Len Jarvis, Norwich, 155¾, outpointed Denny Taylor, High Wycombe, in eight. Kevin Duffy, Hillingdon, 137¾, stopped Ernie Fossey, Islington, 140, in the sixth and last round. Tommy Gillen, Hayes, 119, stopped Ron Hughs, Romford, 115, in the third. Ronnie McLaren, Hayes, 138, outpointed Ken Lewis, Marylebone, 133½, in six. Billy Kiernan, Shepherds Bush, 140½, stopped Eddie Green, Norwich, 142, in the third. Frank Murphy, Galway, 130, outpointed Sammy Odell, Nigeria, 130¼, in six. Albert Stokes, Battersea, 125¾, outpointed Joe Brennan, Bow, 126½, in six.

EDINBURGH:—Abe Quartey, who claims the middleweight championship of the Gold Coast, 158¾, was too strong for Willie Armstrong, Glasgow, 163¼, in their eight rounds, and the newcomer was a worthy points winner. Charlie Hill, Glasgow, 128, stopped Bobby Dodoo, Gold Coast, 127½, in the fifth. George Lamont, Glasgow, 128½, outpointed Hugh Mackie, British Guiana, 132, in eight. Peter Cain, Dundee, 159, outpointed Tommy Colcliffe, Stockport, 162¾, in six. Billy Taylor, Thornaby, 144¾, outpointed, Willie Ferguson, Falkirk, 145¼, in six.

BELFAST:—Pat Price, Newry, 130¼, stopped Fred Morton, Belfast, 128¼, in the second. Tommy Connolly, Belfast, 150½, stopped Billy McKee, Bangor, 156, in the fifth. Bobby O'Neill, Belfast, 121½, outpointed Arty White, Bangor, 118¾, in six. Paddy Quail, Belfast, 126, stopped Joe Cameron, Belfast, 128½, in the third. Jim Brown, Belfast, 126, knocked out Eddie Cotter, Belfast, 124, in the second.

LIVERPOOL:—Billy Ellaway, Birkenhead, 157½, was adjudged to be the winner on points against George Roe, Wolverhampton, 160¼, at the end of eight rounds, but the large crowd differed from the referee, and they voiced their opinion. They are certain to be rematched. Mickey Roche, Dublin, 123, outpointed Jimmy Zale, Nigeria, 123½, in eight. Andy Monaghan, Southport, 131, was declared the winner over his local rival, Percy James, Southport, 130, when the latter was ruled out for a low delivery in the second round. Jacky Brooks, Horwich, 129, outpointed Alf Cottam, Preston, 129, in six.

BELFAST:—Des Lennon, Banbridge, 138½ and Brian Jelley, Bury, 135½, fought eight keenly contested rounds to a draw. Pat McAllister, Belfast, 154¼, outpointed Jimmy Brogden, Manchester, 152, in eight. Sam Thompson, Belfast, 144½, knocked out Ray Long, Oldham, 136½, in the fourth. Billy Cochrane, Belfast, 163½, stopped Bob Burns, Islandmagee, 165½, in the seventh. Benny Vaun, Belfast, 115, outpointed Charlie O'Neill, Belfast, 115, in six.

WALSALL: — Darkie Hughes, Cardiff, 142¾, kept his unbeaten certificate, in the professional ranks, with a points win over Jimmy Stimpson, Tipton, 142¾, in eight. Michael Stack, Leamington, 157, outpointed Dennis Rowley, Pontypridd, 162, in six. Colin Barber, Burton, 120, stopped Sid Millinson, Dudley, 120½, in the sixth. Terry Edwards, Grantham, 143 knocked out Ken Greasley, Ripley, 146½, in the first. Billy Jones, Wollaston, 118½, knocked out Bob Skinkiss, Manchester, 117½, in the second.

DORTMUND, GERMANY:—Johnny Williams, Rugby, former British Heavyweight Champion, enhanced his reputation and gave a leg up for British boxing with a good win over Hugo Salfield, Germany, in ten rounds. When will the British Boxing Board of Control call upon Don Cockell to defend his British title against Williams?

WEMBLEY: — Brian Coxhead, Preston, 157¾, and Peter Longo, Covent Garden, 160¼, battled hard for eight rounds, which ended in a draw. Jimmy Tippett, Greenwich, 137½, was declared the winner over Pat Kelly, Paddington, 136, in the eighth and last round, when the referee intervened. Kelly's eye was badly cut. Les Morgan, Acton, 146¾, scored a points win over Ken Ashwood, Derby, 150, in six. Harry Griver, Hackney, 120¼, stopped Jimmy Barker, Greenwich, 120¼, in the sixth. Ron McLaren, Hayes, 138, outpointed Len Innes, Notting Hill, 140, in six. Billy Kiernan, Shepherds Bush, 137, stopped Roy Mann, West Africa, 137, in the second.

WALWORTH:—Sammy McCarthy, Stepney, came back with a good points win over Teddy Peckham, Bournemouth, in eight. Both were inside 128 lbs. Fred Powell, Walworth, 202, was too good for Terry O'Connor, Belfast, 202, and it was no surprise when the referee stopped the contest in the fifth. Ken Millsom, Doncaster, 174, defeated Tommy Hill, Chiswick, 169½, in the second round when the latter received a badly cut eye. George Connors, Islington, 115½, and Frankie Nicholson, Bethnal Green, 115½, battled four exciting rounds to a draw. Alex Smith, Stepney, 169, outpointed Les Roberts, Ashford, 175, in four hectic rounds.

DURHAM:—Sandy Manuel, Nigeria, 146½, was forced to pull out all he knew to gain

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

To May 15, 1954

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Don Cockell (E)	Yolande Pompee (T)	Randy Turpin (E)	Eddie Thomas (SA)
2. Johnny Williams (E)	Alex Buxton (E)	Johnny Sullivan (E)	George Barnes (A)
3. Earl Walls (C)	Albera Finch (E)	Gordon Hazell ,E)	Wally Thom (E)
4. James J. Parker (C)	Dennis Powell (W)	Joe Maseko (SA)	Hector Constance (T)
5. Jack Gardner (E)	Chub Keith (NZ)	Alfie Sands (A)	Lew Lazar (E)
6. Ansel Adams (T)	Brian Anders (E)	Les Allen (E)	Hugh Servile (T)
7. Johnny Arthur (SA)	Doug Harper (C)	Pat McAteer (E)	Gerald Dreyer (SA)
8. Jack Hobbs (E)	Dave Williams (W)	Roy Agland (W)	Attu Clottey (WA)
9. Ken Brady (A)	Yvon Durelle (C)	Graham Higham (A)	Peter Fallon (E)
10. Kitione Lave (Tonga)	Arthur Howard (E)	Abe Quartey (WA)	Solly Cantor (C)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Ivor Germain (BG)	Roy Ankarah (WA)	Jimmy Carruthers (A)	Jake Tuli (SA)
2. Armand Savoie (C)	Ronnie Clayton (E)	John Kelly (I)	Eric Marsden (E)
3. Pat Ford (A)	Hogan Bassey (WA)	Peter Keenan (S)	Dai Dower (W)
4. Joe Lucy (E)	Billy Kelly (I)	Bobby Sinn (A)	Terry Allen (E)
5. Johnny van Rensberg (SA)	Sammy McCarthy (E) Alby Tissong (SA)	Mannie Francis (WA)	Vic Herman (S)
6. Tony Habib (SA)	Trevor King (A)	Fernando Gagnon (C)	Taffy Hancock (A)
7. Georgie Dunn (C)	Elley Bennett (A)	Eddie Carson (S)	Jimmy Quinn (S)
8. Al Brown (BG)	Elijah Mokone (SA)	George O'Neill (I)	Ogli Tetley (WA)
9. Gordon Goodman (E)	Charley Tucker (E)	Tommy Icke (E)	Teddy Rainbow (A)
10. Johnny Butterworth (E)		Johnny Gleeson (A)	Marcus Temple (SA)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Barbados; (BG) British Guiana; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (NZ) New Zealand; (W) Wales; (GC) Gold Coast; (WA) West Africa; (T) Tonga.

a points decision over Jackie Keough, Chester-le-Street, 145½, in eight. Dave Underwood, Plymouth, 148¾, outpointed Ernie Vickers, Middlesborough, 149, in eight. Billy Taylor, Thornaby, 146, outpointed Bob Batey, Newcastle, 147½, in four. Joe McCauley, Netherton, 148, stopped Mike Jones, Middlesborough, 147½, in the second.

BELFAST :—Johnny Woods, Carrickfergus, 152, was the receiver general, for two rounds against Tommy Connolly, Belfast, 151, but in the third, Woods caused a surpise by taking the fight to the fast tiring Connolly, who was put down for the full count, from a right to the jaw. Paddy Quali, Belfast, 127, stopped Jim Brown, Belfast, 125, in the third. Jim Hughes, Belfast, 132, defeated Jack Fox, Belfast, 129, in the third, when the latter was ruled out for the misuse of his head. Jack McCarthy, Belfast, 138, stopped Jackie Scannell, Belfast, 134, in the second. Bobbie O'Neill, Belfast, 122, was too good for Danny Kerr, Belfast, 118, and the latter's seconds called a halt in the second round.

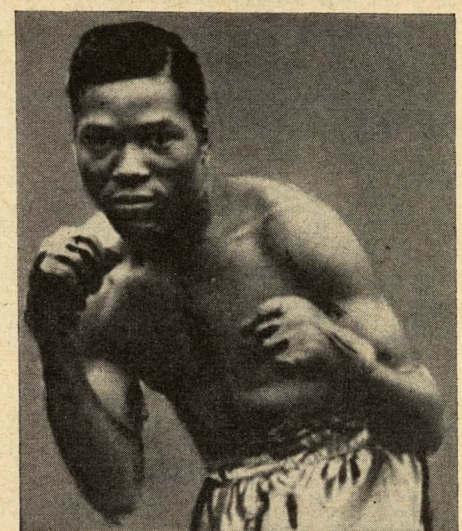
LIVERPOOL :—Wally Thom, British welterweight champion, 146¾, was in great form for his bout with the hard hitting Gold Coast welterweight, Attu Clottery, 146. These two battlers fought it out with all their might, and when Clottey's seconds called the referee to their corner, at the end of the eighth, Clottey had one eye completely closed and was unable to see out of that optic. It was wise for them to call it a day. Pat McCarthy, Birkenhead, 132¾, was the winner over Tommy Mason, Liverpool, 132¾, for the latter suffered a bad eye injury in the second round, that caused him to retire. Andy Lambert, Manchester, 130, outpointed Don Martin, Formby, 126, in six. Les Radcliffe, Ormskirk, 135, outpointed Jacky Brooks, Horwich, 133, in six. Ken Gregson, Blackpool, 104, stopped Eric Lord, Bacup, 106, in the fourth.

BELFAST :—John Kelly, Belfast, 121, showed his old form for a few rounds and then collapsed to the light punching of the Belgian, Pierre Cossemyns, 118¾. The end came in the ninth round, when the Continental shook the Irish lad with a left hook which sent him back against the ropes. A further left hook sent him completely dazed on to the lower rope. He tried hard to regain his feet, but the count had already finished when the bewildered British Champion was led back to his corner. One wonders whether it was good judgment for his handlers to have him matched so soon against an opponent as Cossemyns calibre. Roy Ankrah, British Empire featherweight champion, was declared the winner on points after ten rounds against the Irish featherweight champion, Billy Kelly. Both contestants weighed under 128. Peter Fallon, Birkenhead, 148¼, boxed well to outpoint Peter King, Manchester, 152¼, over eight rounds. Charlie Hill, Glasgow, 127¾, stopped Eddie McNally, Portadown, 127¼, in the fifth. George Lavery, Belfast, 157, stopped Harry Warner, Dagenham, 154, in the fourth. Jimmy Thomson, Glasgow, 112¾, stopped Jim Loughery, Derry, 112, in the sixth.

CARDIFF :—Dai Dower, Abercynon, 113¼, scored a clear points win over Ogli Tettey, Gold Coast, 112, in ten. Dinny Powell, Walworth, 186, showed up the limitations of Joe Erskine, Cardiff, 196, as a potential heavyweight champion, and the latter was fortunate to share the honors, in six. Phil Edwards, Cardiff, 148, was an easy points winner, over Malcolm Innocent, Cardiff, 157, in six. Parry Dando, Llanhilleth, 136¼, knocked out Ivor Jones, Bargoed, in the first. Gwilym Rees, Treherbert, 132, outpointed Ron Atkins, Pembroke, in six.

GREAT YARMOUTH :—Jack Thornbury, Covent Garden, 147, knocked out Tommy O'Neill, Salford, 146¼, in the seventh. Abe Quartey, Accra, 160¾, stopped Gene Szczap, Brighton, 163¼, in the fourth. Colin Barber, Sutton-in-Ashfield, 121¾, outpointed Cliff Giles, Linton, 119, in six. Maurice Murfitt, Downham, 135, outpointed Terry Murphy, Hoxton, 136, in six. Charlie Page, Stepney, 144, stopped Ken Greasley, Derby, 149¾, in the fifth. Jimmy Carter, Great Yarmouth, 146¾, knockel out Jack Guyatt, Nottingham, 147, in the third.

PRESTON :—Johnny Sullivan, Preston, 162, who is now the official challenger for Randy Turpin's middleweight title, was a winner at the end of his eight round bout against Emanuel "Tito" Clavel, France, 156½. Bola Lawal, Nigeria, 136, outpointed Sid Greb, Liverpool, 137½, in eight. Neville Rowe, Blackpool, 176, stopped John Dawber, York, 170, in the third. Jimmy Powell, Preston, 117¾, outpointed Ray Jones, Cockermouth, 120¾, in four. Stan Turner, North Shields, 147, knocked out, Ronnie Bernard, Carlisle, 144, in the fourth. Alf Cottam, 132, drew with John Skelley, Belfast, 133, in four.



Ray Ankrah, British Empire feather champ, who was dropped from the world ratings due to inactivity, is once again in the ranking ten after his victory over Billy Kelly, Irish feather king.

EPSOM :—Wally Beckett, Carshalton, 168, fought an uphill battle to gain a brilliant points win over the tough Gold Coast, cruiserweight, Al Allotey, 175, in a hard fought eight round bout. It looked all over in the first, when Beckett was down for a nine count. Ken Gains, Hackney, 158¼, outpointed Tommy Walker, Surbiton, 157½, in six. Bobby Robinson, Newcastle, 114½, knocked out Al Kahn, Fiji Islands, 111, in the second. Micky Shade, Croydon, 164, and Syd Reardon, Kilburn, 161, drew over six rounds. Sid Cain, Watford, 176¾, outpointed Dyd Gatland, Croydon, 176, in six. George Connors, Islington, 114¾, stopped Vic Glenn, Stepney, 108, in the first.

MALVERN :—Jimmy Stimpson, Tipton, 143, gained a hard fought points decision over Johnny Ritchie, Rhuddlan, 143, in eight. Jack Johnson Cofie, Gold Coast, 158, outpointed Ken Ashwood, Derby, 153, in eight. Billy Wallage, Beeston, knocked out Jim Feathersone, Ilkeston, in the third round of a lightweight bout. Barry Leonard, Nottingham, knocked out Wally Patch, Northampton, in the third round of a welterweight bout. Wal Henry, Gold Coast, outpointed Vince Dundee, Derby, in six, of a welterweight contest.

GLASGOW :—Robert Cohen, European bantamweight champ, 120, won every one of his ten rounds against the back paddling southpaw, Eddie Carson, Edinburgh, 120. Ron Johnson, Bethnal Green, 119¼ gained a clever points win over George O'Neill, Belfast, 117¾, in eight. Lahouari Godih, France, 136¾, defeated Gerry Smyth, Belfast, 139, in the third. The referee stopped the contest when the Irish lad received a badly cut eye. Jimmy Croll, the promising Dundee welterweight, 145¾, stopped Danny Harvey, Glasgow, 147½, in the seventh. Micky O'Neill, Belfast, 146¾, stopped Danny Malloy, Glasgow, 150, in the third, when the latter received a badly cut eye. John McNally, Belfast, 128¾, former European bantam champion, made an impressive professional debut, when he stopped Johnny Kenny, Glasgow, 130, in the second.

EMPRESS HALL, LONDON :—Jake Tuli, British Empire flyweight champion, 114½, was outpointed by Dante Bini, France, 117¼, in a hard fought ten round contest. Tuli had a slight advantage coming up for the seventh but the Frenchman scored the only knockdown in the contest in this round which put him in the lead. In the last three rounds he scored the cleaner and harder punches and, although closely fought, he was a deserving winner. Ronnie Clayton, Blackpool, 128, was too forceful and experienced for Charlie Tucker, Camberwell, 128, winning easily on points. Solly Cantor, Canada, 141¾, made his bow as a welterweight and boxed brilliantly to outpoint Terry Ratcliffe, Bristol, 146¾, in a hard fought eight round contest. Albert Carroll, Bethnal Green, 144¾, is a lad with a bright future and he gave a masterful exhibition of boxing and fighting to outpoint Ron Richardson, Canning Town, 141¾, in a very good six rounds. Billy Andrews, Bethnal Green, 155¾, and Dennis Read, Norwood, 150½, fought and battled evenly for three rounds before the latter was forced to retire with a badly cut eye. Danny Hurley, Morden, 136, knocked out Billy Cobb, Chesterfield, 134¾, in the third. Johnny Smith, Portsmouth, 176½, stopped Eddie Wright, Stepney, 174¼, in the third.

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WILLENHALL :—Peter Bates, Shirebrook, 192, a pupil of the former heavyweight champion of Great Britain, Bruce Woodcock, gained a quick win over Billy Conn, Birmingham, 198. He took only 85 secs. of the first round to score a K.O. with a perfect right to the jaw. Dave Underwood, (Plymouth) 150, stopped Billy Wooding, Birmingham, 147, in the fifth, when the latter received a badly cut eye. Bernard Smith, Walsall, 179½, knocked out Billy Mitchell, Newport, 177, in the second. Andy Lambert, Collyhurst, 137, knocked out Maurice Jackson, Manchester, 140, in the first. Jimmy Chadwick, Wigan, 114, knocked out Johnny Beaumont, Gloucester, 115, in the third.

BELFAST : — Pat Price, Newry, 131, stopped Leo McCutcheon, Lisburn, 133¼, in the sixth. Charlie Connolly, Belfast, 147, stopped Alex McAllister, Belfast, 155¾, in the third. Charlie O'Neill, Belfast, 119½, outpointed Bobby O'Neill, Belfast, 123, in six. Don Gibson, Belfast, 140¾, won on points in six over Harry Stanford, Belfast, 140¾. Jim Hughes, Belfast, 132¾, knocked out Jim Pollock, Belfast, 129¾, in the first.

LIVERPOOL :—Joe Bygraves, Birkenhead, 194½, again scored a points win over Paddy Slavin, Belfast, 197, over eight rounds. Ron Barton, West Ham, 168, knocked out Ken Gardner, Newport, 174½, in the second. Del Willis, Manchester, 142, outpointed Cliff Lawrence, Rotherham, 144, in six. Derek Clarke, Burnley, 142, stopped Tommy Barnabus, Holywell, 146, in the sixth. Johnny Perry, Liverpool, 135, outpointed Mickey Stasak, Ashton, 136, in four.

BELFAST :—John Lyttle, Belfast, 187½, outpointed Wally Curtis, Swindon, 181½, in a eight round contest. Al Sharpe, Belfast, 135½, and Jackie Colpitts, Prudhoe, 138, drew over eight rounds. Paddy Graham, Belfast, 135¾, and Emrys Jones, Oswestry, 137½, battled eight rounds to a draw. Jackie Willis, Lisburn, 127, was too good for Sammy Cosgrove, Belfast, 125, for the latter's first professional contest, and it was no surprise when the former amateur retired in the sixth. Bob Martin, Belfast, 144, knocked out Jim Patricks, Belfast, 142, in the second.

BIRMINGHAM :—Joe Crickmar, Stepney, 187, boxed well to gain a points decision over Peter Bates, Shirebrook, 192, in eight. Tommy Higgins, Hanley, 130, and Pat McCoy, Dublin, fought a draw in eight. Larry Parkes, Hanley, 157, knocked out Dennis Rowley, Pontypridd, 158, in the fifth. Ronnie Wormall, Birmingham, 139, outpointed Johnny Delmore, Leeds, 141, in six. George Clay, Nottingham, 128½, knocked out Johnny Mercer, Beeston, 130, in the second.

BELFAST :—Charlie Connelly, Belfast, a welterweight with a future, was led to the slaughter, by bad matchmaking. He made a successful debut only a week previous, and was then rushed to STAR BILLING. Johnny Woods, Carrickfergus, 152½, was intended as another victim, but Woods had other ideas, and he punished Connelly for four rounds before the referee intervened in favour of Woods. Benny Vaun, Belfast, 116¾, gained a points win over Charlie O'Neill, Belfast, 115½, in six. Barney Friel, Belfast, 125¾, stopped Joe Cameron, Belfast, 128, in the sixth. Harry Stanford, Belfast, 140¾, outpointed Hugh McCarthy, Belfast, 144, in six. Sam McAllister, Carrickfergus, 150, stopped Frank Ford, Belfast, 149, in the second.

LIVERPOOL :—Willie Armstrong, Port Glasgow, 163, the Scottish middleweight champion, knocked out Billy Ellaway, Liverpool, 159, in the sixth. A perfect left to the solar plexus by the Scottish southpaw crumpled Ellaway to the canvas to be counted out. A most sensational ending. Ken Regan, Blackpool, 147, gained a narrow points win over Eric Billington, Golborne, 147, in eight. Tony McTigue, Wigan, 150, outpointed Jackie Thomas, Liverpool, 151, in six. Ray Jones, Cockermouth, 124, outpointed John Josephs, Belfast, 127, in four. Andy Lambert, Manchester, 132, outpointed John Skelly, Belfast, 135, in four.

BELFAST :—Joe Quinn, Belfast, 128¼, was in a hurry to get his bout with Gene Caffrey, Glasgow, 128½ over, for he only

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NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By Lewis Eskin

NEW JERSEY'S incoming boxing commissioner Joe Walker, will be without a fight club to rule. With the expiration of the TV contract between the Newark Club and WATV the middle of May, Promoters Gilzenberg and Culan will try and run without TV, but the attendance will have to triple itself if they are to survive.

Former Jersey City promoter Frank Paula has opened up a beautiful California style drive-in "Tippy" at 3437 Hudson Blvd., Jersey City.

Trenton's Georgie Johnson made an impressive debut before the national TV audience with his five round kayo of tough Moses Ward. Johnson has a bright future if he is not rushed in over his head.

There was little action by local ringmen out of state; Hurley Sanders outpointed Bob Slaughter, Bobby Moore lost a close decision to Irwin Schulz, and Dick Cannady returned to action after a layoff during which he had his right hand operated on. It held up fine as he kayoed Jesse Smith.

Former state light heavyweight king, Phil Saxton, who is stationed with the Air Corps in England, expects to be on his way home and out of service by the fall.

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PROSPECT OF THE MONTH, Jimmy Leevers, Newark lightweight, protege of Ralph Dell, is a well schooled boxer with ability.

Johnny DiGilio, 135, punched his way to a six round kayo over his bitter Bayonne rival Felix Redondo, 134¾ when referee Paul Cavalier stopped the scrap due to a bad cut over Felix's left eye at 2:25 of the round. Johnny was way ahead in a hard fought bout up until the end. Gene Washington, 161, Elizabeth, outpointed Stan Micheaux, 153, Rahway, 6; Willie Brown, 132, New York, starched Al Nunez, 141, Bayonne in 0.35 of the second; Ernie (Joes Valdes) Cirino, 142, Brooklyn, kayoed Lou Merini, 142, Irvington, in 2:33 of the first, and Tony Gagliardo, 177, Brooklyn outslugged Lou Piriano, 170, New York, 4.

Ralph Giordano, 143, Newark, scored a three round kayo over Reggie Alotti, 150, New York, when Reggie could not answer the bell for the third due to a bad cut over the left eye. Charley Bright, 160, Philadelphia, stopped Miles Juvanella, 166, Philadelphia, in 0.49 of the third; Jackie Tagg, 138, Jersey City, outfought Junior Boutilette, 138, New ark, 4; Bruce Damphier, 161, kayoed Louis Morales, 166, Brooklyn, 3. It was the fifth straight win for the Lyndhurst youngster. Russ Walter, 185, Trenton, survived a first round knockdown to beat Duke Gordon, 176, Asbury Park, 4. This fight was fought under the new two minute round rule put into effect for beginners.

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Harold Carter, promising young heavyweight from Linden high school had a rough five rounds with Bob Slaughter of Philadelphia, but a left hook to the jaw at the end of the fifth round turned the tide and Harold was belting away with both hands when the referee stopped it in 1:09 of the seventh. Carter at 188 had a nine pound weight edge. Pat Best, 157, Englewood, got a gift kayo over Jimmy Doxie, 161, N.Y.C., when the bout was halted in 2:25 of the 3rd. Paul Wright, 176, Trenton edged out Tony Gagliardo, 179, Brooklyn, 4; Jerry Leudee, 159, Kearny, kayoed Buster Oliver, 164, Asbury Park, in the first and Vince Di Modica, 144, Belleville, former Golden Glove king, made an impressive pro debut by halting George Belloni, 148, Cliffwood, 4.

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Ralph Giordano, 144, Newark, scored his fourth straight win since returning from the Army, by outfighting Johnny Darby, 148, Pompton Lakes, 8. Walter Johnson, 133, Paterson, reversed a previous loss as he defeated Bobby Davis, 134, Newark, in a fast action six rounder. Jimmy Leevers, 139, Newark, made an impressive pro debut by whipping Carl King, 137½, Bloomfield, 4; Dick Gradillas, 143, Kearny, outscored Josh Thomas, 146, Trenton, 4, and Ernie Cab, 193, New York City, fought to a draw with Bob Monroe, 216, Bayonne, in a rough four rounder.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS RING NEWS
By Don Hamill

ANDRE Tessier, 164, Springfield, turned in a clear cut win over Al Anderson, 161, Long Island City, to avenge a two-round tko loss suffered several weeks before. He gave Anderson a battering but was unable to drop him over the eight round route.

Barry Allison, 145½, Westover Field, won on a tko when Al Maye, 149, New York, failed to answer the bell for the third round due to a cut eye. Billy (Kid) Clark, 143, Westfield, continued his unbeaten skein by taking a tko over Herman Gary, 141, Waterbury, Conn. Gary was not allowed by the medico to come out for the third round. Jimmy Doxie, 163½, New York, won a six round decision from Gerry Tessier, Holyoke. Gus Robinson, 135, Stamford, Co., belted out Benito Lopez, 142, Puerto Rico, in the third. In the four round opener, Tony Dellorfano, 141, Waterbury, evened up his series with Ed McColgan, 141¾, Northampton, at two each by taking the decision.

Bobby Courchesne, 127½, Chicopee, tossed enough right hands at Charley Titone, 126¼, to win an easy eight round decision. There were no knockdowns.

Rinzy Nocero, 159½, Covington, Ky., stopped Jimmy Moore, 161, Jersey City, in the fifth round. Earl Dennis, 142, Wilmington, Del., pounded out a six round decision over Gus Robinson, 136¼, Stamford. Leo Houle, 140½, Holyoke, stabbed out a four round duke over Mike Hernandez, 114½, Puerto Rico. Tony Dellorfano, 142, Waterbury, outroughed Johnny Palladino, 148, Middletown, Conn., in another four. George Stephany, 128½, Brooklyn, stopped Carlos Sanchez, 124, Puerto Rico, in the second round.

Andre Tessier, 165, Springfield, spotted Bill Boyd, 162, Gary, Ind., about six inches in height, considerable reach, and still punched out a win. Boyd went the distance of eight rounds but was subjected to a bad body beating.

Billy Tisdale, 186, Bridgeport, wasted little time with Richie Norden, 189, Stamford, Conn., and scored a one round kayo. Jimmy Doxie, 165, New York, won over an ill-conditioned Benny Washington, 160, Cape May, N. J., who had a lot of trouble lasting six heats. Eddie Drake, 123, Meriden, Conn., came up off the floor and then clearly outpunched Young Saint, 127½, Holyoke, in a four rounder. Gus Robinson, 136½, Stamford, proved too experienced for Ed McColgan, 142, Northampton, in the opener.

Bobby Courchesne, 128, Chicopee, found revenge sweet when he flattened Johnny Lemons, 124, Stamford, with a right to the solar plexis in the first round. Lemons had made Bobby look foolish as he stylishly carved out a decision earlier this year.

Howard Soligney, 158, Brooklyn, rushed out of his corner at the opening bell and twice wrestled Gerry Tessier, 163, Springfield, to the canvas, once nearly taking Referee Joe Cashman with them. Then Soligney rushed Tessier to the ropes where he threw three obviously deliberate low blows. Tessier crumpled to the canvas. A friend of Tessier's jumped into the ring, knocked Soligney down with a knee lift to the chest, and then kicked him several times. In a matter of seconds the ring was filled with ringsiders and police. Holyoke police quelled the turmoil. Tessier was awarded the bout on the disqualification of Soligney.

Young Sharkey, 142½, Holyoke, hampered by a cut eye, won a hairline decision over Nate Donnell, 142, New York, in a sixer. Billy (Kid) Clark, 141, Westfield, was hard pressed in gaining a six rounder from Gus Robinson, 136, Stamford. Leo Houle, 140, Holyoke, and Jim Delaney, 145, Springfield, drew in the opener.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By Billy Shaw

PROMOTER Norm Rosthschild staged another grand battle when he rematched Carmen Basilio, 151, and Pierre Langlois, 155, for ten rounds at War Memorial Auditorium. Basilio, boxing in fine style, won a unanimous decision over the seasoned French warrior in a battle televised throughout the nation. The fight drew a crowd of 6,383 who paid $26,593 to view the brawl.

Instead of rushing in, free wheeling with both hands, Basilio, bobbed, weaved, jabbed, hooked and threw his right hand punch only when he could set up the Frenchman for the shot. Often Carmen moved in and out with hands at his sides. He flashed punches with lightning speed the moment he spotted an opening.

From the sixth on Langlois tried desperately for a knockout, often hitting on the breaks. Langlois suffered a cut over his left eye in the second, which bled freely when reopened in the seventh.

The officials, Referee Al Berl and Judge Frank Forbes came from New York; while Anse Carroll of Buffalo, was the other judge. Berl saw it 6 for Basilio, 3 for Langlois and 1 even. Judge Forbes saw it 5 for Basilio, 3 Langlois and 2 even. The veteran Carroll recorded 5 for Basilio, 4 for Pierre and 1 even.

Mike DeJohn, 196½, Syracuse, made a swift finish of Johnny Kazmier, 194½, Buffalo, Marine, finishing the visitor in 1:10 of the first heat, after dropping Johnny twice. Frank Cowan, 191, Waterville, stopped Sammy Jackson, 177¾, Syracuse, in 33 seconds of the second round. The free swinging Cowan was too much for Jackson. Tony Percey, 154, Quebec, took a point nod over Pierre Hernandez, 151, France, in a rousing six round fight. Joe Poma, 144¾, Utica, stopped Bob Ashley, 148, Syracuse, in the fourth round. Willie Giano, Rochester, 151, beat Arnold Green, Rome, 152, in a slam-bang four rounder.

Jackie Brady is operating a restaurant in Hollywood, Calif. . . . Pat Manzi is starting serious training again for several fights lined up for him. . . . Kid Polo scales better than 200 pounds now. . . . The one-time lightweight is a bartender.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND EASTERN OHIO
By Albert M. (Al) Wolgast

CROWD of 2,500 paying customers saw Vince Martinez, Paterson, N. J., punch out a ten round decision over Harold 'Baby Face' Jones, Detroit, in the first pro show staged in many a moon at the Arena in Youngstown, Ohio.

The sharp looking Martinez had an easy time with Jones as he dropped the Detroiter twice and cut him badly in the opening stanza. However, Jones came back to make it an interesting but a one-sided fight.

Bobby Hughes, 165, Warren, Ohio, belted out Bobby Hall, Lumbeton, S. C., in the second round. A series of dynamite laden blows rocked Hall from post to post and finally a sizzling right-hand chop to the button sat Bobby down but good.

Billy Lewis, 171, Akron, put a halt to the comeback plans of Youngstown veteran battler Burl Charity, 167. The bout went the eight rounds with Burl taking a terrific head walloping. Paul Nichols, 160, Youngstown, won over Harry Miller, 158, Niles, in a six, and Cal Butler, 182, Cleveland, beat James Garcia, 186, Youngstown.

The show grossed $4,404 and was promoted by Lou Iroff, owner of the huge Arena and was matched by the veteran fight-man from Detroit, Jack Laken.

Ten Second Shots: Johnny 'Bandit' Loccisano, veteran Ellwood City, Pa., promoter and boxing manager is all set to stage a series of pro shows in his community.

SWINGS AND HOOKS FROM CENTRAL OHIO
By Less Huffman

BOBBY Hughes, with eleven straight wins to his credit, is one of the best looking prospects in Ohio. The Warren, Ohio, middleweight has plenty of power in both hands.

Hard-hitting Eddie Crawford, Akron, copped eight rounds out of ten and gave Pat Marcune a boxing lesson. Joey Greenwood, on a comeback, halted Clyde Wagner in the fourth round. Wagner was bleeding badly when the bout was stopped.

The referee called a halt to the Phil Rizzo-Jimmy Robinson fight in the third round after Robinson had repeatedly fouled. Bob Gordon, Akron, stopped Bob Scott, Akron, in the fourth. Bobby Hughes kayoed Eddie Smith, New York, in 20 seconds of the first round.

Toledo tried another fight without television and did not do too badly as about 2,000 fans turned out at the Civic Auditorium.

Pat Lowry kayoed Emerson Butcher in the tenth and final round. Charlie Cotton, Toledo, won a split decision over Eddie Simms. Chuck Price, Detroit, stopped Kid Craig in one round.

Eddie Hall, Detroit, kayoed Jack Seckinger, Toledo, in one. Curtis Woodward, Toledo, lost a four round decision to George Reed, Detroit.

Springfield, Ohio, had its first pro boxing show since 1946 and about 1,800 fans turned out. Davey Moore kayoed Jack Ingram in two minutes of the first round. Ingram was billed as being from Salt Lake City and carrying an impressive record. But actually he is an Indianapolis featherweight with a far from imposing record.

Eddie Spears, Dayton, stopped Frankie Coleman, Chicago, in three. George Bodie won a six round decision from Rusty Cleek. Bob Jackson, Dayton, lost a four round scrap to Gerald Locke. Walt Peterson, Springfield, won over Morris Moss, Dayton.

NEWS FROM LA LAGUNA, MEXICO
By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

PLAZA DE TOROS, Torreó:—Baby Luna (Juan Manuel Luna), 127, easily decisioned Manuel Muñoz, 131, in ten. In the 10-round semifinal, prospect Mario (Tizón) Ibarra, 117, won a very close fight over veteran Félix (Firpito) Gaytán, 115. Ibarra had been fighting only the 6-round special events.

Auditorium "Cruz Blanca", Chávez:—César (Chino) Saavedra, 129, put Bobby Silva, 133, to sleep in two rounds. Oscar Lomas, 120, bested Rafael Vázquez, 123, in the 10-round semi.

Arena "San Pedro", San Pedro:—Luis Uribe, 132, embalmed Luis Olivas, 133, in the eighth. May Mejía, 127, stopped Mario Herrada, 130, in the seventh.

Arena "Obrero", Torreón:—Jorge Valverde, the sensational newcomer, 117 pounds, after flooring Manuel Alvarez, 116, three times, received a severe cut over his eybrow, which made the Boxing Commission physician stop the fight in the third round, declaring Alvarez the winner by TKO. In the semifinal, Manuel "Zurdo" Mendoza, 133, knocked out Bobby Silva, 132, in four rounds. Cisco Kid (Francisco Pérez, 142, stopped Isaac Pérez, 144, in five.

Club Olímpico, Durango:—Héctor García, 132, a local prospect, won by decision in 10 over Chico Martínez, 133, Mexico City. Alfonso Flores, classy welterweight from Torreón, 143, clearly outpointed hard puncher Manuel (The Bull) Rocha, 145.

Plaza de Toros, Torreón:—César (Chino) Saavedra, 128, won a ten round unanimous decision over Emilio de la Rosa, 127, Mexico City. In a great match, Serapio (Sapito) Jiménez, 116, won a very close decision over Manolo Ramírez, 117, after ten well-fought rounds. Rafael Vázquez, 127, won over Luis Olivas, 132, in eight rounds.

Arena "San Pedro", San Pedro:—Luis Uribe, 134, TKO'd Canelo Kid (Eduardo Rodríguez), 138, in the seventh round. Ray Mejía, 126, beat Diego Estala, 136, in eight rounds.

Club Olímpico, Durango:—Tommy Vázquez, 118, won a 12 round unanimous decision over Cubanito Torres, 117. Marcelino Nevarez, 128, and José "Zurdo" Sarabia, 130, drew in ten rounds.

Plaza de Toros, Torreón:—Felipe Sosa, 122, iced Tony Padilla, 119, in five. Manolo Ramírez, 119, bested Mario (Tizón) Ibarra, 118, in ten. Emilio Orta, 119, kayoed José "Gira" Hernández, 123, in three.

Auditorium "Cruz Baudilio Martínez, 123, stopped Panchito Villa II, 120, in the sixth. Serapio (Sapito) Jiménez, 117, defeated Emilio Orta, 118, in ten.

Arena "Obrero", Torreón:—Jorge Valverde, 118, embalmed Manuel Alvarez, 117, in the fourth. Roberto Brito, 151, iced Salvador Dávila, 150, in three. Arturo (Chale) Carrillo, 146, scored a technical knockout over Cisco Kid (Francisco Pérez), 145, in the third round.

Villa Acuña: Domingo Hidelgo, 134, TKO'd Panchito Bolaños, 133, in the fourth round.

Monterrey: Otilio "Zurdo" Galván, bantamweight Champion of Texas, surprisingly lost to Cuban Manuel Armenteros, 118, in 10.

Monclova: Domingo Hidalgo, 134, TKO'd Chale Medina, 138, in the 9th round.

Nueva Rosita: Fidel Hernández, 137, KO'd Salvador "Kid" Mares, 135, La Laguna, in the eighth.

Piedras Negras: Juan Leaños, 130, and Fidel Hernández, 137, drew in 10 rounds; Pedro Piña (La Dolorosa), 130, kayoed Raúl Hernández, 131, in three.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By "Broadway" Johnny Cox

RALPH DUPAS, 18 year old schoolboy lightweight sensation, making his second nationally televised appearance—An IBC sponsored show with Bonny Geigerman, local promoter, breezed to a ten round decision over Dennis Pat Brady, Hartford, Conn., a veteran ring cutey, at the Coliseum Arena.

Dupas, 137, made one of his best fights and went out in the first round battering Brady, 138¾, from pillar to post. He continued the two handed hanging at the body and chin in each succeeding round.

Brady's both eyes were cut at the end of the opening round. Referee Pete Giaruso scored six for Dupas and four for Brady. Judge Eddie "Kid" Wolfe balloted six for Dupas, two for Brady an two even. Judge Francis Kercheval called six rounds for Ralph, two for Brady and two even-stephen.

Only 1,278 paying fans attended for a gross gate of $4,965.69.

In the six round semifinal, Clyde Mayberry, 142, Pittsburgh, Pa., won a close decision over Vince Bonomo, 138¾.

Nolan Duplessis, 143, won a four round verdict over Alvin Boudreaux, Westwego, La., 148½. John Miorana, 173, New Orleans, scored a three round kayo over Jim Gilliard, 160½, Birmingham, Ala., Jack Davidson, New Orleans, 152¼, was awarded a four round duke over Morris Oregeron.

Willie Pastrano, 19 year old middleweight stablemate of Ralph Dupas, scored a unanimous ten round decision over Jacques Royer Crecy, France, in a bout staged by promoter Heard Ragas at the Coliseum Monday night April 12. The local boy won by a decisive margin. Pastrano scaled 158, Royer-Crecy, 161½.

1,345 fans paid a net gate of $1,926.53.

In the four round semifinal, Clyde Mayberry, 143¾, Pittsburgh, Pa., won a unanimous decision over Pete A'Costa, 143¼. Nolan Duplessis, 143¼, chalked up a two round kayo over Jack Charbert, Cutoff, La., 143.

Tony Alfonso, 140, scared a split four round verdict over Houston Taylor, 144½, New Orleans. Owen Romero, 139¾, Algiers, La., belted out Donald Marquar, 132½, Bay St. Louis, Miss., in the opening round. Bobby Jackson, 136, won a split four round decision over Jerome Chong, 135.

The Louisiana Athletic Commission is operating on a sound business basis with their offices situated on the second floor at 716 Union street. Tom Littleton, is chairman.

M. C. Pete Slipakoff, vice-chairman, is serving his first term on the commission and was connected for many years with the Southern AAU boxing; Emile Bruneau, secrefary, has played the role of promoter, matchmaker and manager. Pete Herman, former bantamweight champion is also a member with Mike Cusimano.

Albert "Tuck" Fraley, former exercise boy and jockey, is the instructor for the judges and referees. Fraley holds school weekly for the officials. The boxing commission physician is a highly regarded Dr. Wm. C. Quinn.

Charley Rodriguez, former New Orleans featherweight star, has taken over the management of Nat "Killer" Jackson, local lightweight, who holds two ten round decisions over Teddy (Redtop) Davis, Hartford, Conn. Rodriguez can be located by fistic promoters anxious to use Jackson at Curley Galiano's gymnasium, 710 Poydras St.

Kid Centella, Managua, Nicarauga, lightweight, who was a big favorite here, is now stationed in the U. S. Army at Fort Campbell, near Louisville, Ky., Centella is boxing while in the service at his camp.

Mrs. Ernestine Murtagh has been increasing attendance with her weekly Thursday night mat bouts at the Coliseum Arena by using some of the top female wrestlers in the game.

LOUISVILLE, KY., BOXING NEWS
By Joe Martin

THE Dell Boxing Club promoted two shows during the month of April. Ted Connell, Louisville, and Sonny Atzinger, Louisville, headlined one with Connell getting the six-round decision.

Claude Brown, 200, Cropper, Ky., decisioned Frank Omar, 190, New Washington, Ind., in four rounds. Bill Tuck, 150, knocked out Fred Smith in the first round.

Eddie Hammond, 135, beat Tommy Woolridge in four rounds. Bobby Hill, 150, beat Izzy Simmons in four rounds. Jimmy Strong, 145, beat Joe Chabla in four rounds.

The second show saw Ted Connell, 130, knock out Eddy Hammond, 135, in the fifth round.

Fred Taskey, 151, Seymour, Ind., knocked out James Brewer, 144, in the second round. Fireman Karem Malik knocked out Bill Tuck in the third round. Jack Johnson decisioned Gebe Duke, 140, in four rounds. Gene Payton, 142, decisioned Bob Hill, 143, in four rounds and Ken Mattingly, 132, decisioned Don Burkhead, 130, in four rounds. Carl Blair, International Amateur middleweight champion, started his pro career by beating Albis Perkins in four rounds.

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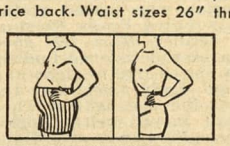

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP

by Charlie Parish

THAT old spring-feelin' was certainly in the air around this battered Continent of ours. Outstanding event was the 65 second k.o. of Randy Turpin by Tiberio Mitri, a thunderclap which laid British fans out more effectively than a new tax edict by Mr. R. A. Butler, the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Ray Famechon saw action on two occasions, beating Labalette and stopping Polidori, and Heinz Neuhaus returned to form with a points win over Romero, a South American giant. Gerhard Hecht snatched the European cruiser crown from Jacques Hairabedian as expected and Charles Humez indulged in a doubtful affair with Baby Day at Marseilles. Bep Van Klaveren continued his rise in the welter division and Jean Sneyers struck a snag over in England against Hogan Bassey. Robert Cohen maintained his popularity in Britain by trouncing Manny Francis and Charles Humez regained prestige by slaughtering Kid Dussart at Liege.

Rotterdam :—Leen Jansen, up and coming local middle, was too hard a foe for Richard Armagh, sturdy Nigerian who subbed at the last minute for highly-touted Franz Szüzina. Jansen copped the verdict after ten good rounds. Piet Van Klaveren decisioned Ludwig Petri, Germany, in a clever lightie eight and Nico Schoenmaker had Lady Luck and the ref on his side to get the nod against Theo Imbsweiler, Germany, in a welter eight. Young Vicky van den Berg defeated Hans Nesemann in a second welter eight.

Ostend, Belgium :—Al Bernard outscored Prosper Beck in a modest heavy ten, and Charles Odon kept in the picture by stiffening Richard Denis in the second of a middles affair. At Gulleghem, Andre Wyns whipped Vicky in a cruiser eight.

Madrid :—Young Martin was held to a draw by capable young Antonio Diaz in a robust flyweight eight whilst Antonio Monzon got the better of Marcos Bolita in a welter eight.

Bologna :—Powerful but crude Franco Cavicchi bulled his way to victory over Herbert Wiese. German heavy, whose corner surrendered for him during the ninth round. Bruno Visintin scraped home a bare points winner over Marcello Padovani in a good lightweight ten.

Milan :—A well-attended program featured Aureliano Bolognesi, former amateur lightie star, who this time trimmed Alex Merialdi of France over six, whilst Viarengo stopped Gramegna in the sixth of another lightweight battle. Two new cruiser hopes were on parade, Lorenzo Rocci stopped Mario Azzara in the opening stanza, and Cesare Bagnoli debuted by whipping Giovanni Giorgis over six. Orfeo Meneghini drew with Angelo Idi in a welter six.

Cairo, Egypt :—The first professional boxing show staged since the heavyweight affair between Gen. Neguib and King Fuad featured Shafik Gubrial, Egyptian cruiser kingpin, and Antonio Lausdei, Italian third-rater. Gubrial was ring-rusty and far below par and thus lost out to the visitor over ten rounds..

Paris :—Andre Valignat returned to action in his own suburb of Montrouge with a satisfactory victory over Jacques Louni, who was knocked cold by a sizzling right hook in the fourth round of a lively bantam scrap. At Tours, Roland Guille confirmed a previous win by thrashing Jacques Lebegue in a cruiser ten, and at Chambery, Jacques Colomb proved too strong for Bernard Celestini, who threw up the struggle in the sixth frame of a hard bantam fray. Jean Claramunt stopped Perez in the seventh of a welter encounter.

At Chateauroux, Lucien Touzard established his right to battle for the vacant French heavy title by shattering Leonard Riva in the third frame of their semi-final. At Rheims, Andre Gonnet returned to the wars with a swift win over Pierre Woussem, who was bashed out in the third heat of a lightweight clash.

Dortmund :—Heinz Neuhaus gained a most satisfactory points win over a rugged Argentinian, Edgardo Jose Romero, in a tough ten-rounder which re-established the roly-poly Heinz in the favor of German sportsmen. Romero weighed in at 247 lbs. as against the Dortmunder's modest 213 lb. Johnny Williams was too experienced for fuzzy-haired Hugo Salfeld, who put up a tremendous showing against the cagey British heavy but lost over eight rounds. Willy Hoepner put paid to a promising career by shattering youthful Belgian cruiser Jean Corhay in four rounds. Speedy but still raw, Corhay was no match save in guts for the murderous German and a few days later announced his retirement from the game.

In two welter shiidies, Fritz Wenzel halted Dante Madella of Italy in three and Siegfried Burrow creased Franco Rizzotti in four. Max Resch clouted out Paul Chomuntowski in the fourth heat of a middles argument and Karlheinz Bick edged out a win over lightweight Gert Müller in a clever eight-rounder.

Tunis, North Africa :—Nello Barbadoro, former Italian feathers king and a redoubtable southpaw hitter, handed out plenty of fireworks to Abdel Krim, Morocco, but was rewarded only with an unpopular draw at the end of ten rounds. Ben Ali, Tunisia, knocked out Ben Salah Rezgui in the fifth of a lightweight affair for the North African title. Tony Feliciano, French middles comer, outscored Mohamed Bouraoui in a good ten.

Luxembourg :—Werner Wiegand gained partial revenge for a previous kayo defeat at the hands of Robert Eugene by outpointing the burly Belgian in a good heavies ten. Jeng Serres won over Degraeve, Belgian cruiser, who was ruled out in the eighth for lack of combativity and Jempy Bentz, local middle, drew with Arthur L'Ami of Beligum in eight.

Tergnier, France :—Rene Bolivia halted the local lightie, Ray Doumoutier, in seven rounds. At Biarritz, Andre Drille returned to the fray with a three-round kayo of the Spanish cruiser, Simon Parra, and a welter from Spain, Godoy, upset the local welter hope, Jo Amati, over eight.

Paris :—At the Central, Henri Entringer battered the daylights out of blond Cesar Lawniczak and obliged that worthy to remain in his corner at the start of the fifth heat of their violent middles clash. Ben Aissa nodded Dugre in a bantam eight and Postic beat Arrodondo in a welter six. At Clichy, Roland Girbet beat Serge Gassama in a middles eight and Ali Oraou stopped Dauer in the fourth of a lightie slam.

Marseilles :—Gracieux Lamperti halted Marcel Mathieu in the eighth round of a bantam collision. At Epernay, Robert Meunier got the best of Kid Andre and won their bantam ten quite brilliantly whilst Jean Colin nodded Said Belhout in a lightweight eight. Mickey Laurent, just back from the USA, gained a draw with blond Marcel Assire. Norman middle, in a good ten at the Helitas Stadium, Caen.

At Cannes :—Jacques Strocchio debuted as heavy quite successfully, outscoring Jean Laugier over ten rounds. Bill Jo Cohen, of Tunis, drew with Frank Youst in a middles ten. Pierre Richaud outscored Lucien Meraint in a good feathers ten at Bordeaux, and Arthur Emboule was upset by the veteran Italian bantam, Tino Cardinale, over ten.

Barcelona :—At the Gran Price Stadium, the Spanish welter title once again changed hands when Ramon Correa overpowered the holder, Emilio Orozco, in a twelve-rounder. Stiff-clouting Manolo Garcia was something like his old self in stopping gallant Kim Navarro in the ninth of a hectic feathers fray.

At Madrid, Young Martin again bumped into Antonio Diaz and this time was ruled out in the second frame of this non-title flyweight shindy for fouling. Pedro Antonio Jiminez outfought Francisco Frances in a middles eight.

Hamburg :—Gerhard Hecht became the new European cruiser king by defeating the current boss, Franco-Armenian Jacques Hairabedian, over fifteen rounds, at the Ernst-Merck Hall, watched by 9,000 fans. The Berliner fought a clever battle, marshalling his reserves but only rarely did his form make strong impression. Hairabedian showed tremendous courage and considerable skill but could not match Hecht in ringcraft and punch and was saved from a certain kayo when the gong sounded for the end of the tenth round with the champ sprawled on the resin. Werner Handke retained his German welter crown by drawing with challenger

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

May 18, 1954

HEAVIES	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Karel Sys (B)	Gerhard Hecht (G)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Gilbert Lavoine (F)
2. Heinz Neuhaus (G)	Willi Hoepner (G)	Charles Humez (F)	Chris Christensen (D)
3. Hein ten Hoff (G)	Jacq. Hairabedian (F)	Hans Stretz (G)	Idrissa Dione (F)
4. Gunter Nurnberg (G)	Wim Snoek (H)	Tiberio Mitri (I)	Paolo Melis (I)
5. Hugo Salfeld (G)	Heinz Sachs (G)	Pierre Langlois (F)	Italo Scortichini (I)
6. Kurt Schiegl (A)	Ivano Fontana (I)	Claude Milazzo (F)	Bep van Klaveren (H)
7. Uber Bacilieri (I)	Marcel Limage (B)	Franco Festucci (I)	Jean Ruellet (F)
8. Werner Wiegand (G)	Charles Colin (F)	Emile Delmine (B)	Robert Guivarch (F)
9. Ingo Johansson (SW)	Jo Roude (F)	Germinal Ballarin (F)	Raphael DaSylva (P)
10. Aldo Pellegrini (I)	Giovanni Alfonsetti (I)	Mickey Laurent (F)	Antonio Monzon (S)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Duilio Loi (I)	Jean Sneyers (B)	Robert Cohen (F)	Louis Skena (F)
2. Jacques Herbillon (F)	Ray Famechon (F)	Andre Valignat (F)	Young Martin (S)
3. Auguste Caulet (F)	Manolo Garcia (S)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Charlie Bohbot (F)
4. Hoacine Khalfi (F)	Jacques Dumesnil (F)	Emile Chemama (F)	Nazzareno Gianelli (I)
5. Augustin Argote (S)	Mohamed Chickaoui (F)	Gaetano Annaloro (I)	Antonio Diaz (S)
6. Werner Handke (G)	Altidoro Polidori (I)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Andre Jasse (F)
7. Joseph Janssens (B)	Alvaro Nuvoloni (I)	Jacques Colomb (F)	Robert Mouginot (F)
8. Louis Carrara (F)	Jacques Bataille (F)	Hilaire Pratesi (F)	Willibald Koch (G)
9. Bruno Visintin (I)	Jose Hernandez (S)	Gianni Zuddas (I)	Hilaire Gaviano (F)
10. Paolo Rosi (I)	Hanania Bohbot (F)	Hein van der Zee (H)	Emile Delplanque (B)

LEGEND: Austria (A); Belgium (B); Denmark (D); France (F); French Morroco (FM); France (Algeria) (FA); Germany (G); Holland (H); Italy (I); Luxembourg (L); Portugal (P); Spain (S); Sweden (SW).

Ernst Zetzmann in a hard twelve and Günter Nürnberg grabbed the duke after eight rugged rounds with expert Heinz Seelisch, heavies. William Besmanoff is also campaigning as a heavy now and outscored an American visitor, Austin Jones, in eight.

Liege, Belgium :—On the eve of his 33rd birthday, Kid Dussart thought to dislodge Charles Humez from his lofty peak in the middles division. Reason for this assumption was a surprise win over Lavoine by Dussart a short time ago but Humez swiftly disillusioned the faded Belge and administered the kayo, a wicked left to the liver, during round six. Pierre Wouters upset Edgard Delannoit, sending his foe off with a busted right ear in the fourth round of their welter match whilst Jean Renard whipped Jean Kidy in a good bantam ten. Edouard Lewko, French welter, overcame local Jean Paternotte in a welter ten.

Geneva :—Jacques Dumesnil, ranking French feather, chased Enrico Macale of Italy for ten rounds and won easily over ten rounds.

St. Nazaire, France :—The national cruiser king, Charles Colin, put the blast on a very gallant but untried Spaniard, Cesare Santa Eulalia, in the third frame. At Guingamp, Francis Coeuret suffered a nasty shock when dropped in the third by big Emile Bentz, who followed up his advantage and stopped the blond Breton in the following round. Bentz, from Alsace, now meets Touzard for the vacant French heavies title. At Montargis, Jean Piniarski halted veteran Aime Lombard in the fifth of a middles argument. Serge Van Zandt stopped the Italian middle, Vito Di Benedetto, in seven at Coutances.

Aveleghem, Belgium :—Jo Rogasik, a Franco-Polish welter, stopped Camille Milo in the fourth heat whilst at Furnes, Presto, a new bantam hope, flattened Pierre Baekelandt in the first stanza.

Milan :—Mario D'Agata, the deaf-mute who upset Zuddas by robbing that worthy of his Italian bantam crown last September, repeated the dose in fine style by outscoring the former Olympic star over twelve rounds here.

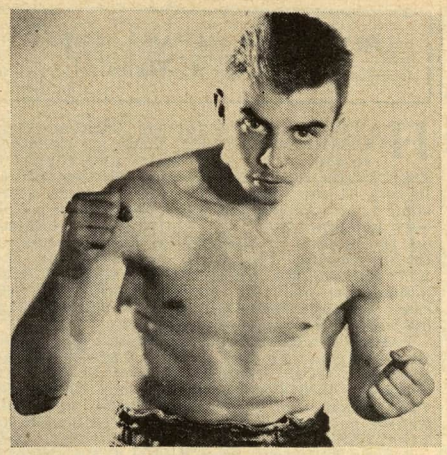
In another title-defense, Nazzareno Gianelli repulsed the attacks of youthful Franco Lombardozzi to grab the duke after twelve rounds and thus retain his flyweight bauble. Felice Gallo stopped Gaetano De Lucia in the sixth of a lightweight shindy and Ernesto Formenti copped a close but deserved verdict over up-and-coming Giancarlo Garbelli in a lightie eight.

Venice :—Gino Campagna scraped home a close winner over Mario Faverzani in a good middles eight and Giannino Luise plodded after the modest French heavy, Jean Mariani patiently earning the decision after six rounds. At Bologna, heavies were again disappointing when Uber Bacilieri and Aldo Pellegrini roughed things up so much that the fight was halted and declared No Contest during the fifth round. Franco Vescovi and Duilio Bianchini performed far better in their welter eight, and after a hard scrap the nod went to Vescovi, whilst a middles eight featuring Gino Rossi and Fernando Spallotta was won by the former on points.

Asnieres, Paris :—Jacques Prigent, local welter, and Valde Fusaro of Italy indulged in a desperate ten-round battle here with victory going to the French lad although a draw would have better suited the run of the fight. At the Central Club in Paris, Andre Clabec won a dramatic feathers affair, clouting Pierre Carrara with two swiftly consecutive lefts to the chin in the opening frame and thus finishing the fight. At St. Lo, Marcel Tirel continued his winning ways by whipping Christian Lunaud in a middles ten and Serge Ceustermans was favored with a points win over Gilbert Ussin in a welter ten.

Paris :—At the Salle Wagram, Moussa Saad, new lightweight discovery of dusky hue from Tunisia, added another victim to his growing list when he brilliantly outpointed clever Jean Bichot over eight. In two good feathers eights, Louis Poncy beat Andre Meraint and Cherif Hamia nodded Andre Chretien. Rene Weissmann, Alsatian welter prospect, outpointed durable Bouadjemi Mokhfi over eight hard stanzas. At Evreux, Robert Guivarch copped eight out of ten rounds in his blistering fight with Raphael Da Sylva, Portuguese welter king.

Rome :—At the Cavallerizza, Luigi Coluzzi was too tough a nut for Emilio Marconi to crack in his first bout as a welter and defeated the latter over ten sessions. Pietro Rollo, Sardinia's latest gift to the bantam line-up, won the final of a local competition by stopping Renato Denti in the fifth, whilst in a middles battle, Aristide Dal Piaz trimmed Bruno Bernandinello over ten, thus winning the middles competition. Paolo Pozzi beat Ferruccio Consorti in a welter eight.



Pierre Cossemyns, Belgian bantamweight king, who recently scored a stunning knockout over John Kelly, of Ireland, moves into the number three spot in the world ranking of his division.

Florence :—Ilario Tanelli repeated a previous victory over veteran Tino Cardinale in a bantam eight and Vannes Benassi defeated Angelo Idi in a welter eight. At Milan's Piccolo-Ring, a truly international show was put on. Three national cruiser stars of the future were on parade, Lorenzo Rocci pounding out a difficult points win over the granite German, Günther Balzer; Cesare Bagnoli was obviously streets too good for Rino Sofisti and bout ended in round two, and finally, Artenio Calzavara easily beat Jean Zadourian, a Franco-Aremnian, on points. Mario Posca was lucky to get the nod over Claus Miska, German lightie, Aureliano Bolognesi easily beat Martinez of Morocco and Ciancarelli drew with Jean Staccini of France, in three lightweight contests. All bouts scheduled for six rounds.

The Hague :—Bep van Klaveren showed the experts that he really means business in this, his third comeback fight, by completely outboxing the hard-hitting Belgian welter king, Alois De Wulf, over ten rounds. Bep saw the light of day in 1909. Henk van der Zee stopped a German bantam, Hermann Lewandowski in round four. In Rotterdam, Jan Hagenaar outfought Snucky De Bruin in a cruiser argument and stopped his foe in round five. In Amsterdam, Pedro Klijssen halted Nico Cramer in the eighth of a cruiser slam.

Dunkirk, France :—Jean Labalette met up against Ray Famechon for the fourth time in his career and had just as much luck this time as on previous occasions, i.e., he lost on points after ten hard rounds. At Toulon, Hilaire Gaviano continued his unbeaten run by stopping Italy's Giuseppe Mastrangelo in the seventh of a bantam melee. At Bruay-en-Artois, Marcel Ranvial came through with a dramatic victory over the Belgian feathers king, Louis Cabo, knocking out the visitor in the second frame. This was Cabo's first k.o. On the same bill, Andre Paillart beat Jean Gheerardyn in a welter eight.

Marseilles :—Jean Remorini iced Marcel Auclair in the opening stanza of their feathers slam, whilst Tony Feliciano reversed a previous defeat by halting Andre Drille in a tough middles set-to. Drille stayed put in his corner at the call for round ten. Giuseppe Marotto beat Jean Claramunt in a lightweight ten. At the Central Club in Paris, Michel Aubignat worked hard to win over ten rounds against Gino Menozzi in a middles contest.

Madrid :—Javier Ortiz won a modest welter eight here against Francesco Frances and Jose Hernandez, national feathers boss, triumphed over the strong Basque, Jesus Aguerri, also in eight. At the Gran Price, Barcelona, Juan Jose Gonzales got the better of the Spanish bantam leader, Francisco Romaguera, in a fast eight.

Viterbo, Italy :—Luigi Male started off on another comeback with a points victory over Giovanni Bidini in a good welter eight. At Isola Liri, Mario Ciccarelli returned to the land of his fathers with flags flying. Despite the ballyhoo, highly-touted Mario could only obtain a draw with willing Efisio Melis in a hard lightweight eight.

Paris :—Two old rivals met for the third time at the Salle Wagram when Paolo Melis, Italian welter czar, clashed with strong and promising Jean Ruellet. The latter stopped Melis last year but when the Italian returned from Canada he copped a close points win over Ruellet. This time it was again the Frenchman's turn to triumph over a lethargic and dull Melis, who fought courageously but was no match for the inspired clouting of Jean Ruellet and lost most handily over ten rounds. In another welter clash, Edouard Adjemian beat Max Vigneron over six and dusky Moussa Saad shattered Theo Nollet in the second frame of an electric lightweight discussion.

Rheims, France :—Jacques Herbillon, mighty lightweight hitter, was unable to put the skids under tough Kid Eugene of Beligum but outdistanced the visitor over ten rounds by a large margin. At Gennevilliers, Germinal Ballarin regained something of his old form by stopping Arthur Acha, Belgium middle, in seven rounds. At the Paris Central, Andre Clabec won over tne Spanish feather, Jesus Rubio, in a good ten-rounder.

Paris :—At the Salle Wagram, Moussa Saad once more grabbed the limelight by outshining experienced Francis Bonnardel in a fine feathers scramble over ten rounds. Rene Weissmann was dropped early in his bout with Jean Julien but came back to halt the Norman welter in round five.

Rome :—Well over 25,000 spectators jammed the Turin Stadium here to watch a grandiose gladitorial display which rivalled anything put on in ancient Rome. Tiberio Mitri, blond athlete from Trieste, shocked the world, the British public and—probably—himself, when he beat Britain's Randolph Turpin in 65 seconds of the opening round! After preliminary skirmishing and a cautious exchange of left heals, Turpin closed in and Mitri unleashed a brief left to the ex-sailor's jaw. The Pride of Leamington Spa dropped as if pole-axed and dazedly regained his feet at the count of "six," then blundered across the ring into the ropes. The Spanish referee thereupon halted the fight and declared Mitri new Middles Champ of Europe.

Ray Famechon was also on display, halting brave Altidoro Polidori, Italian feathers king, in round four of a non-title bout and in another feathers slam, Alvaro Nuvoloni was too strong and forceful for Frenchman Jacques Bataille and won over eight. Joseph Roude, workmanlike French cruiser, made the fans sit up when he had Giovanni Alfonsetti on the verge of a kayo in the second. Saved by the gong, Alfonsetti carried the fight back and dropped Roude later but could not save himself being outpointed over eight rounds. Franco Festucci confirmed the high hopes pinned on him by completely mastering Alex Buxton in a middles ten. Jack Solomons, the London promoter, was the organizer of this gala programme and if the show enhanced his own prestige, it certainly did little to add to Britain's! Shades of Charlie Mitchell and Jem Mace!

Marseilles :—First-rate sensation also at this seaport, where Charles Humez was declared winner by disqualification in the fifth round over Baby Day. The American was ruled out "for simulating a knockout." Humez carried the fight to Day for the whole of the fight and dropped him several times but referee Esparaguerra is an expert at his job and is a hard man to fool. Dante Bini and Emile Chemama, two star bantams, did their best to remove the bad taste from the fans' mouths and served up a brilliant exhibition, rather surprisingly won by the former, over ten rounds.

Casablanca, Morocco :—Jacques Dugenie won clearly over El Baz in a welter ten here, whilst team-mate Jacques Dumesnil was unlucky to get only a draw against Hanania Bobhot in a fast feathers ten. Charlie Bohbot drew with Tino Cardinale, the Italian bantam veteran, over ten.

Rennes, France :—Lucien Touzard became the new French heavyweight champion by bashing to defeat his rival for the vacant throne, Emile Bentz of Strasbourg. Weighing in at 190 lb. Touzard had a three-pound weight advantage over the Alsatian. First two rounds fairly even, Touzard's youth gradually overtook Bentz's experience and the latter was in bad trouble during the fourth. In the next round, Touzard unleashed a wicked left which felled his foe and made the young Parisian champion.

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NEWS FROM HAVANA, CUBA
By Dr. J. A. Vieites

HAVANA: Cuba's former bantam king, Luis Galvani, 123¼, made an excellent return to his true form, and fought a great battle with Kid Anáhuac, México, 126¼, in one of the best battles seen here in quite some time. After seven close rounds, in which both battlers bled badly, Galvani put Anáhuac on the canvas in the eighth, the bell coming to his rescue. The ninth was a corker, the Kid fighting in great form. Galvani was downed in the 10th for an eight also, but came up and almost put Anáhuac away. The official decision was a draw.

Matías Fenoy, Spain, 145, won a good, fast tenner from Alberto Pérez, 141¼. Rufino Sardiñas, 134¾, won in eight from Juan Martínez, 133½ pounds; Orlando Rodriguez, 113, ended the undefeated record of Oscar Suárez gaining an eighter, and Regino Bravo, 148¾, drew in 4 with José Alvarez, 156.
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Havana: Cuban featherweight champion, Ciro Moresén, 122¾ won eight out of 10 rounds from Bill Bossio, 127.

Bossio never touched Morasén's face in the entire 10 rounds, but he made a good effort nevertheless.

Fernando Silva, 130, won in 8 from Isidro Zaldfivar, 128; Orlando Reyes, 116¼, stopped Enrique Fernández, 118, in 6; Armando Baragaño, 134½, stopped Héctor Cedeño, 135, in 3, and Nilo Blanco, 136, won in four from Joaquin Castillo, 139¾.
Gate: $2,342.80, plus Radio & T.V. Rights.

Havana: In a popular program, Emilio Figueroa, 129¼, won over Manuel Perdomo, 128¼.

Joe Lorenzo, 130, won sensationally over Mexican Baby Azteca 131¾.

Rolando (La Plancha) Rodríguez, 140, outpointed Armando Martínez, 138.

Héctor Vento, 131¾, stopped Carlos Gutiérrez, 128 in 3, and Angel Gómez, 128, stopped Idilio Vázquez, 127, in the second.
Gate: $701, plus Radio & T.V. Rights.

Havana: Orlando Castillo, 123½, Cuba's terror of feathers and bantams, won ten out of ten from Enrique Lamelas, 125, who couldn't be recognized after the bout. Lamelas announced his retirement after the massacre.

Cuba's Jr. lightweight champion, Orlando (Baby) Echevarría, 130½, stopped American Joey Salcone, 129, in six, after scoring several knockdowns and having the invader badly bleeding.

Nilo Blanco, 134¼, won in 6 from Juan Fernández, 134, Julián Echevarría, 151, won in four from Clemente Soto, 158¼, and Israel Anido, 120½, won in four from Marcos Luís, 122¾.
Gate: $1,499 plus Radio & T.V. Rights.

BOXING FROM BERMUDA
By Ronald Oatway

THE Island Boxing Association's second fight card of the summer season saw popular local middleweight, Froggie Simmons (163) take a hard-earned eight round decision from big Al Anderson (165), Galveston, Texas. The bout was staged at the new King's Stadium.

Lucky Williams (139) knocked out Walter Harris (135) in the sixth.

Palmer Douglas (171) TKO'd Eugene Williams (175) in the second; Eugene Mills (132) KO'd Cecil Hayward (139) in the first; Gerry Smith (130) KO'd Phillip Trott (133) in the first; and Mark Smith (140) took one round and forty seconds to finish Nicky Joell (142).

BOXING IN THE CARIBBEAN
By Claude Ramsay

PROFESSIONAL boxing in the Caribbean received a serious blow recently. Most of our good pros have now left our shores and are seeking fame and fortune in the European rings.

In Barbados, Kid German, our leading lightweight, is now in Australia, while in Trinidad, Bowell St. Louis, British West Indies Lightweight Champion, Jimmy Black, Yack Subero, Claire Redman and Jersey Joe Walcott have left for Holland.

They have gone over to Holland on a two year contract to Mr. P. J. W. Van De Graaf, a Holland promoter who is the proprietor of a sports school in Amsterdam.

BOXING IN VENEZUELA
By William Albert

CARACAS:—Showing for the second time in a local ring, Charles Smith, 134, New York, proved to be a real puncher and scored three knockdowns over Venezuelan lightweight champ, Luis Barreto, 135, winning a split ten round decision. The crowd paid $4,489 to see the sensational battle in the Nuevo Circo.

Our champion only won two rounds, but was a valiant contender. The North American was bleeding from cuts under the right eye and nose respectively.

Vincente Matute, 136¼, stopped Ruben Diaz, 132½, in the first round. Enrique Bidau, 131¾, outpointed Eloy Pacheco, 131¼, in six. Samuel Nuñez, 153¾, kayoed Candelario Suarez, 152, in four. Isaac Isturiz, 130, and "Chicharrita" Medina, 128, drew in four rounds.

Caracas: In a ridiculous bout in the Velodromo "Teo Capriles", Ismael Espana, 148½, Venezuelan welterweight champ, stopped Sugar Boy Nando, 144½, of Aruba in the 7th round of a card promoted by Febres Cordero.

Our champion was disqualified for "wrestling" his giant contender.

Marcelino Molina, 135½, twice floored Florentino Plaza, 138, and won an eight round decision. Young Braddock, 126½ lost to Angel Amaya, 124¾, in six. Gonzalo Andueza, 127¼, outpointed Alberto Duc, 131, four. Jose Cisneros defeated Ramon Calatayud in four rounds (Flyweights). Gate: $670.

BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By Ted Yamachika

ROBERT TAKESHITA, 146¾, attempting a comeback after a three year layoff, was soundly trounced by a comparatively unknown fighter, Dickie Wong, 143, in a ten round main event held at the Civic Auditorium. The decision was unanimous and left no doubt in the minds of the 5,235 fans, who paid $7,788.48, that Takeshita, at least in this fight, was no match for his ever shifting and fast punching opponent. Referee Walter Cho scored it 100-90, while the two judges, Al Bothelho and Louis Freitas, had Wong winning 98-93 and 99-88.

Once the fight had gone through the preliminary stages there was little doubt as to the eventual winner. For one fleeting moment in the first round when he connected with a solid left hook to the jaw which really shook Wong, Takeshita appeared like the fighter he was in his heydays when he was winning most of his fights by knockouts. But the advantage he held was short lived. The well conditioned Wong recovered almost immediately and fought back furiously enough for the remainder of the round to even things up. All the other rounds were decidedly in Wong's favor.

Once the truth became apparent, that Takeshita had nothing in his punches, Wong immediately began dominating the fight and continued to do so until the final bell. In the last three rounds he was landing stinging lefts and rights to the head with such consistency that only Takeshita's ruggedness kept him on his feet.

Larry Cantiberos, 136½, punched out a decision over Bobby Acusta, 136, 4 rounds. Dalfus Brown, 152¾, whipped Richard Choi, 152½, in a fast four round fight. Stan Harrington, 138, beat Dan Santiago, 135¾, 4 rounds. Martin Cambra, 148½, TKO'ed Vincent Medeiros, 147¾, in the second. Ernest Sylva, 120, outpointed Ray Carvalho, 120½, four rounds.

IN MONTANA AND THE NORTHWEST
By Bo "Bow Tie" Grmoljez

BUTTE Civic Center: Jimmy (Red) Elby), Toledo, and W. C. Gage, Portland, Ore., a couple of hefty swinging middleweights, slugged it out with Elby getting a hairline ten round decision.

In another ten, Russell Tague, Davenport, Ia., stopped Jimmy Grow in the eighth round.

Local featherweight Eddie Lockett slugged Jerry Lewis, Spokane youngster, out of the picture in the fourth round. Al Wells, Butte's hardrock miner, scored a two round kayo over Buddy Sloan, Butte. These punchers are middleweights. Herbie "Rusty" Patzer, Anaconda lightweight, stopped George Mocaby, Boise, in the second.

CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS
By Sal Giacobbe

BOXING took a big stride forward during the past month with four boxing shows in four different locals, also an announcement that the New Haven Arena will soon operate again on a regular schedule, with its first show in a few weeks.

Waterbury :—Before an unusually small crowd of about 600 fans, Pat Mallane, 133½, Union City, continued on his winning way in Waterbury by scoring a quick first round KO over John Scott, 130½, Worcester, Mass. The gross was $1083.

Manchester :—The newly formed British-American A. A.'s first boxing show featured Graham Holmes, a local boy, and Rocky Sullivan, Boston. Holmes, 138, had no trouble in defeating Sullivan, 136, although the fight was hard fought all the way.

Hartford :—Promoter Manny Leibert's best boxing show of the season was witnessed by its smallest crowd. Larry Boardman 134, making his first star bout appearance in his home state, scored a quick one round KO over Johnny Watson, 135, Providence, in 2 :57. What started out as a good scrap, with both boys flaying away was abruptly ended when Boardman buried a left hook to Watson's stomach that knocked him out.

In the six round semi-final Hartford's Vinnie Ricco, 128½ staged one of his best fights to defeat tough Irish Hugh O'Rourke, 130, of Worcester. In another six rounder, previously unbeaten Billy Lynch, 140, Hartford, lost a close one point decision to Bertram Bailey, 144, of New York.

New Britain :—Jimmy Clinch, former boxer, staged his first boxing show as the promoter of the newly formed Stanley A. C. and we are happy to report that the venture was an artistic success with an exceptional boxing show comprised of 7 semi-pro bouts and a star pro bout of 8 rounds. Although the gross was a little under one thousand dollars we know that the show did not lose any money and that's encouraging, especially in New Britain where boxing has been dormant for quite some time.

The main event pitted New Britain's Tony Grasso, 128, against Joe Guillette, 126½, formerly of Lawrence, but now residing in Hartford. The bout a slugfest for the full 8 rounds was won by Grasso mostly on his ability to hit harder than his opponent. The crowd numbered around 600.

CLEVELAND RING NEWS
by Phil Goldstein and Jimmy Avon

MICKEY MARS proved too hard a hitter for the classy Nate Brooks. Mars, weighing 122½ to Brooks 119½, boxed on even terms with the speedy Brooks but hit ever so much harder. Brooks won the first, had a slight edge in the second and in the tenth, the third was even. Mars won the rest of the 10 rounder by varying margins. Mars scored two knockdowns, one in the fourth and one in the eighth. The referee did not call either. Newspapermen and ringsiders agreed the knockdown in the eighth round was legitimate. The decision of the three officials was unanimous and loudly approved by the fans. Mickey proved what Cleveland fight fans had felt for a long time, that he is ready for any featherweight in the world.

Rocky Castellani, 160, outpointed Pedro Gonzales, 158, Pittsburgh, in a gruelling 10 round battle.

Paulie Brooks, 134, defeated Jackie Blair, 133½, Los Angeles, in another 10 rounder. Brooks won easily but the fight was not exciting. Two Clevelanders, Ted Tangles and Cal Nathan, engaged in a very exciting 4 rounder with Tangles shading Nathan. Both weighed 148.

Dan Moray, 183, defeated Ike Bell, 182, Youngstown, in another pleasing 4. Jesse Rodriquez, 126, Warren, beat Nicky Harris, 126½, in a stirring 4 rounder.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS
By Eddie Beck

Whity Bimstein, prominent trainer, paid Providence a brief and infrequent visit, with his star welter charge, namely Danny Giovanelli, who made a hit with the crowd while stopping aggressive club fighter, Billy Andy, in 5 rounds.

Dick Allan, light heavy from Attleboro, made his pro debut by flattening "Curly" Belanger of Fall River. Izzy Angelo, hard punching local welter, was impressive in knocking out Joe Arudda of Fall River.

Willy Wilson, local heavy, posted a decision over Ed Sanders, Olympic heavy champ. Gordon Perry, local welter, upset Jimmy Sullivan of Boston.

Whity Theroux, of Coventry, won the Southeast Air Force bantamweight championship at Knoxville, Tenn.

SPOKANE NEWS
By Jack Powers

KENNEWICK Chinese Gardens :—Chuck Ross, Portland heavyweight, had to come from behind to stop Eddie Parks 185, in 7th round. Jackie Frost decisioned Bobby Doll in 6.

In fours, Battling Nelson stopped Tony Edwards in two and Chuck McDonald decisioned Karl Walker.

The Tiger Fox burial fund card staged at the Cozza gym resulted in a jammed house and was a smashing success. Nine bouts were dished up—no official decisions were rendered. No admission was charged to avoid taxes, the hat was passed and the resulting funds in the care of Bob Johnson of the Chronicle, Geroge Cheek of the Spokesman Review, and yours truly, went away over the top. All funeral expenses, including a fine casket, and a perpetual care lot in Holy Cross cemetery with appropriate marker, were paid in full, and over a hundred dollars surplus was given to the HEART fund. We are mighty proud of the way the boxing game took care of the Old Warrior who was a legendary figure of the prize ring. He was the MR. BOXING of Spokane for more than two decades. He boxed ten years after he was officially retired by the Commission in 1940.

Kennewick Chinese Gardens :—"Gunner" Gene Brixen stopped Eddie "Bobo" Parks in 7 in the main event.

Duke Harris, Spokane, 141, stopped Ralph Colvin, 150, Portland, in 2. Young Bat Nelson, 133, Portland, decisioned Willie Boyd, 135, Spokane, in 4. Chuck McDonald, Portland, 149, stopped Karl Walker, Spokane, 146, in 3.

FROM TACOMA, WASHINGTON
By Homer Amundsen

MIKE McMURTRY, 20 year old Tacoma "Irish" lad now attending Idaho State College, won the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate heavyweight crown at Sacramento, Calif. Journeying to State College, Pa., the colorful youngster went on to capture the National College title, in early April.

Pat McMurtry, 22 year old, 184-lb. husky brother of Mike, has to date, won six straight professional starts since being released from the U. S. Marines. Five of his bouts have been via the knockout route. Pat, a year ago, won the All Marine 175 lb. title.

Harry Glickman, Seattle boxing promoter, dished out a bangup pro show at Seattle's Civic Auditorium a few weeks back, sending man plans on several all very happy. Glickman plans on several talent cards to develop some of the promising youngsters in the Tacoma and Seattle area.

Dixon Hoxsey, Seattle 135-pounder being brought along by Jack Hurley, has to date won 23 straight pro bouts, 18 by knockouts. Hoxsey and Pat McMurray stand as this area's two unbeaten professional prospects. Both youngsters are former Marines, and much is expected of them in their chosen careers.

IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN
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BOXING in the state for the month was limited to two amateur shows, one at Ashland and the other at Sheboygan.

Al Fain, a former boxing promoter here, moved back into action again as the manager of Dick Perkins, a local lightweight with promise who recently returned from the service.

Ted Olla, hard punching middleweight and the best local boxing office attraction here, is in California with his wife. Word comes to this writer that the Olla's may make residence there. Last month he signed a one year contract with his manager Joe Azzerella who has done a good job in making him a favorite here.

Fred Saddy, past president of the National Boxing Association, will attend the Detroit meeting of the body for the Wisconsin Boxing Commission.

PHOENIX FIGHT NEWS
By Bill Thompson

PHOENIX Softball Park : 1,500 fans paid $2,300 to see four Arizona fighters score TKOs over out-of-state competition in the first outdoor card of the year.

Charlie Salas, 153, Phoenix, stopped Cliff Barnett, 155, Long Beach, Calif., when Barnett was unalbe to answer the eighth-round bell. Salas, recently discharged from the army, had complete control of the fight with his sharp left hooks and well timed right crosses.

Jimmy Martinez, 152, Glendale, Ariz., wasted no time in knocking down Earl Turner, 156, Oakland. Martinez wouldn't let his opponent get a punch in edgewise. Referee Billy Sparks halted it in the first after Jimmy had scored two knockdowns.

Zora Folley, 190, Chandler, Ariz., TKO'ed Jackie Condon, 195, Los Angeles, in the third round. Folley after jabbing Condon dizzy in the first two rounds, opened up in the third with a vicious two handed attack that ended the bout.

Hank (Kid) Davis, 154, Phoenix, stopped veteran Reuben Shank, 158, Denver, in the sixth when Shank's eye was cut.

Phoenix Madison Square Garden : Eddie Guerrero, 136, Globe, Ariz., scored a TKO over Jesse Coppinger, 132, Phoenix, in the second. Guerrero knocked Coppinger down in the first and Coppinger decked him in the second, but, Guerrero got up to score the final and deciding knockdown of the short battle.

Bobby Satchel, 130, Phoenix, decisioned Rocky Lucero, 138, Los Angeles ; Jackie Palmer, 145, Phoenix, stopped Willie Collins, 140, Los Angeles, in the fourth, and Drey Ybarra, 154, Globe, Ariz., decisioned Jimmy Reese, 147, Los Angeles.

Enoc San Miguel, popular amateur welterweight, and his wife were killed in an auto accident on April 25th. He had an outstanding record both as a fighter and a sportsman. San Miguel's death was a great loss to his many friends and fans.

Pete Bustamente was voted Arizona Athlete of the Month for winning the flyweight title in the Western Regional Golden Gloves Tournament held in California.

Ex-lightweight champ Lou Ambers was a very popular guest speaker at a recent Phoenix Gazette newspaperboy party. Movies of the second Ambers-Armstrong fight were shown.

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NEWS OF BRITISH ISLES

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took 1 min., 15 secs. of the second round to knock out the game Scot. Dennis Yearby, Leeds, 146½, knocked out Sam Thompson, Belfast, 148¼, in the fifth. Cliff Garvey, Dundalk, 163, stopped Bill Cochrane, Belfast, 165, in the fifth. Dave Moore, Belfast, 112, outpointed Jim Loughrey, Derry, 112¾, in six. Bobby O'Neill, Belfast, 122¾, won on points against Johnny Brady, Belfast, 120, in six.

STOKE NEWINGTON:—Peter Waterman, Clapham, 144, defeated Peter Smith, Huddersfield, 148, in the third round when the referee intervened, when the latter received a badly cut eye. Waterman improves with every bout and will soon be up there with the top men in the welterweight division. Johnny Fish, Harlow, 147, won over Ronnie Gill, Bethnal Green, 146¾, in the third round, when the latter was ruled out for a low delivery. Sammy Bonnici, Stepney, 129¼, outpointed Charlie Simpkins, Bridlington, 131¾, in eight. Tonny Barrett, Pimlico, 146½, and Danny Gill, Bethnal Green, 146, fought six thrilling rounds to a draw. Harry Griver, Hackney, 119, stopped Harrold Clarke, Bow, 118, in the fourth. George Danahar, Bethnal Green, 162, knocked out Ken Gains, Islington, 159½, in the second.

LEICESTER:—Jack Gardner, Market Harborough, 221¼, gained a clear win on points over Ansell Adams, Trinidad, 198¼, in ten. Jack Hobbs, Shepherds Bush, 215, gained a K.O. win over Al Bernard, Belgium, 210¾, in the eighth. This win for Hobbs will now give him the looked for match with Jack Gardner in a quest for the title held by Don Cockell, and I am of the opinion that Hobbs will make it. He can punch and has the tenacity to take advantage of every opening to score with his own referee, THE PUNCH.

Eddie (Polly) Smith, cruiserweight champion of Bermuda, 181¾, made his debut in a British ring against Uber Bacilleri, Italian heavyweight champion, 196, over 10 rounds. The decision in favour of the Italian nearly led to a small riot. "Polly" Smith will be an asset to the Heavy Brigade in Europe. Ken Rowlands, Luton, 175½, stopped Vic Phayer, Woolwich, 173, in the seventh. Ron Harman, Brighton, 212½, outpointed John Lyttle, Belfast, 187½, in eight. Dinny Powell, Walworth, 186½, outpointed Bob Gardner, Market Harborough, 197¼, in six. Jack Darlington, Matlock, 186½, stopped Harry Painter, Andover, 198¾, in the second. Ken Lavender, Wisbech, 165, outpointed Harry Harvey, Leicester, 163¾, in six.

WATFORD:—Leo Maloney, Hillingdon, 147, gained a good points win at the expense of Gordon Kearns, Shepherds Bush, 145½, in eight. Len Willson, Dagenham, 132½, outpointed Frank Murphy, Watford, 130½, in six. Sid Cain, Watford, 173½, stopped Kwame Lokko, West Africa, 168¼, in the second. Ken Crawley, Portsmouth, 137½, outpointed Ronnie McLaren, Hayes, 137, in six. Billy Kierman, Shepherds Bush, 140¼, stopped Ray Mann, West Africa, 138¾, in the fifth. Derek Davis, Camberwell, 148, knocked out George Greenwood, Dagenham, 144, in the sixth.

MANCHESTER:—Robert Cohen, the fiery little bantam from Algiers, and the threat to the world's bantamweight title, gained another win in a British Ring when he won handily over Manny Francis, Gold Coast, in ten rounds. Johnny Sullivan, Preston, who is matched with Randy Turpin for the latter's middleweight title, won by a K.O. against Gaston Muelenbroucq, France, in the eighth. Freddie King, Wandsworth, and Denny Dawson, Sheffield, fought a draw in a featherweight bout. John Skelly, Shipley, knocked out Jackie Brooks, Northwich, in the first of a lightweight bout.

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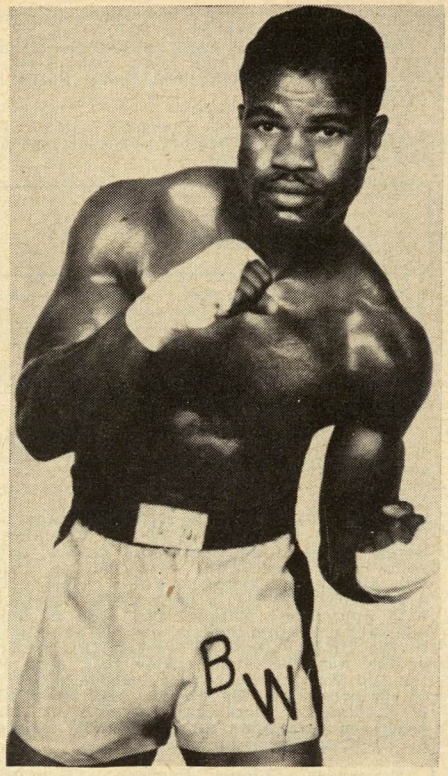
ring which would be a fair distance today but a little too far to be desirable then. However, it was the best to be had—you must remember that TV meant little then and to move in any closer would have killed too many expensive seats. Having located the platform, we then had to find a spot for a control room which was finally placed under the right field stands.

"The bout wasn't scheduled to start until 10:00 PM—on a Thursday night—but early Wednesday a crew of engineers from NBC started to lay out the many hundreds of feet of microphone, camera and communications cables necessary for the broadcast. Early Thursday morning the full operating crew arrived in two big blue television units and began to install the equipment. Along about four o'clock in the afternoon the installation was complete and shortly afterward a rehearsal was held. The announcers were Clem McCarthy, for blow-by-blow, and Bill Stern for background description and color.

"At ten o'clock Harry Balogh climbed into the ring to announce the fighters and the TV cameras went to work. The operation was almost exactly the same as on any standard fight today. One camera held a medium shot for use when the boxers spread apart and the other was held for close-ups when they were in close or for use on the corners between the rounds. For the first time a crowd mike was fastened over the ring to pick up the sound of the punches.

"Clem McCarthy—he of the famous fast delivery—was told, for the first time in his life and to his complete horror—to stop talking so much and let the audience watch. Clem was to hear this injunction repeated in the years to follow but, he was the first fight announcer to try the new technique that we had decided ought to work best. Many fight fans found it a bit trying to become accustomed to this new style and many for some time made it a habit to turn on the television picture and bring in a radio for the old fashioned blow by blow broadcast.

"After eleven rounds, Balogh climbed into the ring to pick up the judges' slip and to announce the winner. It was another first over with. We were pleased with the results, we learned a lot—but we're still learning today."



BERT WHITEHURST

A gentleman with a practical idea is Bert Whitehurst, promising 23-year-old Baltimore heavyweight. A boxer gets paid for taking opponents apart, and an M.D. gets paid for putting the pieces together again. Why not play both ends? So, while he is establishing himself as one of the nation's up-and-coming heavyweights, Whitehurst also is studying medicine. He has already survived a "preliminary" course at Morgan State College, and is now preparing for the "main event" at the University of Maryland. His medical studies are being financed by his boxing, which has been decidedly successful so far. In 21 starts, Whitehurst has scored ten knockouts and nine decisions, and his only defeats have been handed him by experienced Willie James twice and Gene Jones whom he later kayoed. One of Bert's outstanding performances was a stunning one-round knockout in Baltimore over a local rival, Al Schlimm, who had been unbeaten until then. Two other notable triumphs have been posted at the Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn. One was a decision over Tommy Jackson—the first defeat suffered by Jackson and the other was over dangerous Sylvester Jones. Whitehurst is managed by George Sheppard and Sam Portney (brother of former welterweight star Jack Portney). The coaching and training duties are being capably looked after by a fellow-Baltimorean, Frankie Rice, a prominent lightweight during the World War I era.

CHANNEL HOPPING . . . All records for theater-TV are expected to be broken the night Rocky Marciano and Ezzard Charles trade punches for the heavyweight title at Yankee Stadium, June 17. . . . "Defined areas," such as Brockton (Rocky's home town), Boston and Providence will be blacked out and the nearest point to New York where the fight may be viewed will be at Commack, L. I. . . But if you've still got a radio around the house you might be able to hear the fight, the rights for which are reported to be $35,000.

The two weekly boxing shows in Mexico City are both televised, one on Wednesday nights, the other on Saturday nights . . . Julio Sotelo handles the running account for the former, and Paco Malgesto and Antonio Anders team up on the latter.

As of May 6, New Jersey is without a fight club. The sponsor did not pick up its option and Laurel Garden fights, seen over WATV (Newark) are a thing of the past. Prior to this season, bouts were jointly sponsored but at the beginning of the 1954 indoor season one sponsor pulled out. Station WATV then contributed $500 toward the weekly $1,000 TV money.

College boxing coaches are working on a plan to popularize their sport through television. They are alarmed at the number of schools dropping boxing as a varsity sport and the dwindling attendance at meets in most parts of the country. Coach John J. Walsh, of Wisconsin, and Coach Jim Owen, of Louisiana State, hope to line up a TV network to carry a series of dual meets every Saturday afternoon for about ten weeks through next February and March, winding up with the NCAA championships.

In the August issue of the Ring complete coverage of Marciano-Charles fight.

IN AND AROUND CHICAGO
By Lenny Myers

BOXING slowed the past month in the Windy City due to a combination of reasons. First, the Rainbo Arena cancelled their regular schedule of weekly shows due to the International Boxing Club's stoppage of financial help to promoter Irving Schoenwald there. The low attendance the past few shows were responsible for this. It seems the caliber of main-event fighters was not sufficient and the fans just didn't turn out. Mr. Schoenwald, however, plans to run his shows once again starting the middle of May, and plans to bring in the best talent he can possibly secure.

Rainbo Arena :—Dick Kerber stopped Paul Holman in two rounds. Russ Tague, 130, Eldrige, Ia., beat Wilbur Robinson, 133, Chicago, in six rounds. Jackie Williams beat Lou King in six heats. Dick Brewer outpointed Pete Washington in four. Joe Anderson won over Joe Pryor in four rounds.

Springfield, Ohio :—Davey Moore, 127, Chicago, fighting his first main-event as a professional in his former home town, scored a fast knockout in the first round over Jackie Ingram, 126, Indianapolis. Ingram came out swinging wildly with both hands the first two minutes but the former National A.A.U. champion stepped in with a left hook to Ingram's jaw, knocking him out cold. 1803 fans turned out for the first show held in Springfield since 1946. Promoter Jack Crawford plans to go once each month with top boxing shows.

Johnny Coulon's gym is a bee hive these days for action. From forty to fifty fighters amateur or professional can be seen in action daily. It is not unusual to see Johnny Coulon, who was the bantamweight champion of the world from 1907 to 1914, climb into the ring even today at 60 years old and give the youngsters plenty to think about. Johnny is the little man who cannot be lifted. Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis, and other ring greats have all failed to lift the 102 pound former champion. Now Johnny offers one thousand dollars to ANYONE who can do the job.

ABOUT TOWN :—Babe Baron now looking great and doing a big job with his Ford Agency. Gus Latsis and Paul Anthony getting set for a series of boxing shows in towns outside Chicago. Jimmy Flynn getting his Danny (Dusty) Lullo ready for coming bouts. Nice to see Jimmy back training fighters once again. Remember, when its boxing your reading about, its THE RING for all the facts. Get yours by subscribing to same. If you need talent for your shows, yours truly represents and manages many outstanding fighters available on any kind of notice. I am representing two former world champions available for bookings. Johnny Coulon doing his world-famous lifting act and refereeing tours, and Tony Zale, former world's middleweight champion, ready to box any of the world champions on exhibition, or doing his refereeing tours.

COVERING NEW ENGLAND
By Charlie Longo

CLEM CROWLEY, former Boston featherweight from Dorchester, is back home after 4 years with the Air Force. Now handling quite a few boys in the pro ranks, including the New England bantamweight champion, Johnny O'Brien.

Boston :—Heavy hooking Joe Miceli, New York welterweight, kayoed Steve Marcello, Providence, in the sixth round at Mechanics Building. The bout was supposed to be nationally televised but wire trouble fouled up the relay out of Boston.

Joie Cam, 132½, East Boston, coasted to an easy 10 round victory over Harry La Sane, 136, Houston, Tex. Harold Gomes, 124½ Providence, TKO'd Black Pico, 121, Havana, in the tenth and final round. Willie Dockery, 162½, New York, TKO'd Junius Washington, 158, Boston, (1). Frank Frattaglia, 155, Roxbury, outpointed Paul Nichols, 157½, Milwaukee, in six rounds.

Ed Saunders, Boston heavyweight, kayoed Henry Anderson, in two rounds.

Portland, Maine :—George Araujo, 139, Providence, TKO'd Jacques Julien, Paris, in the third round at the Exposition Building. Dave Redmond, 147, outpointed Lenny West, 146, Portland, in six rounds. Gordon Perry, 152, Providence, TKO'd Bert Gagnon, 152½, in six rounds. Reggie Queen, 126, Portland, outpointed Red Moulton, 121, Biddeford, (4). Clint Thompson, 157½, Old Orchard, outpointed Dick Carver, 152, Biddeford, in four heats.

Portland, Maine :—Curley Monroe, 134½, Worcester, outpointed Filberto Osario, 128½, Pureto Rico (10).

Butsy Gallant, 147, Rumford, outpointed Dick Redmond, 142½, Portland, in the eight round semi final. Reggie Queen, 124, Portland, kayoed Neil Chase, 122, Somersworth, N. H., in the first round. Clint Thompson, 158, Biddeford, kayoed Duke Paulsen, 164, Somersworth, in the opening round. Red Moulton, 119, Biddeford, won a unanimous nod over Dick Buts, in a wild swinging four rounder.

Worcester :—Curley Monroe, 136, Worcester, TKO'd Jesse Keeler, 135, Philadelphia, in the sixth round.

Buddy Cochran, 147½, Boston, kayoed Gus Monteverdo, 146½, Fitchburg, (3). Tommy Christian, 146, Fitchburg, TKO'd Pat Kelly, 142, Lawrence, (3). Billy McIntyre, 144½, Boston, kayoed Denny Goslow, 147, Worcester, (4). Hughie O'Rourke, 130, Worcester, kayoed Micky Zulle, 126, Providence, (1).

Boston : — Sandy Saddler, featherweight champion of the world, had a tough night trying to knock out Augie Salazar, of Los Angeles. Referee Tommy Rawson stopped the affair in the seventh round due to a bad cut. Salazar who just kept on punching throughout the fight did not have enough steam in his left or right hand but sure gave Saddler a tough night of it.

Gus Monteverde, 148, Fitchburg, TKO'd Everett (Dusty) Dobson, 153, Worcester (3). Ed Saunders, 217, Boston, kayoed Billy Booker, 231, Springfield, (1). Joe Guzzetti, 132, Watertown, kayoed Eddie Red Donovan, 131, Chelsea, (3). Paul Nichols, 158, Milwaukee, outpointed Tommy Christian, 149, Fitchburg, (6).

Rocco Loone, 133½, Dorcester, outpointed Rocky Sullivan, 138½, Dorchester, in six rounds. It was a good fight with Loone a better boxer.

Boston :—Tony DeMarco, Boston, 145, outpointed Carlos Chavez, Los Angeles, in a hard-fought, ten rounder.

Another ten saw Roger Wiley, 174, Beverley Farms, fight a ten round draw with Irish Bob Murphy, 181½, now fighting out of Boston). Wiley, who moved too fast for the hard punching Murphy, appeared to have won the fight, the first ten round bout that he has had.

Willie Wilson, Providence heavyweight, outpunched classy Ed Sanders, ex-Olympic champ. In one of the best preliminary fights of the year, 19 year old Eddie Andrews, Lowell, came up off the deck to knock out the kayo artist Charlie Goulart, of Somerville, in the third round.

Johnny O'Brien, Somerville middleweight, had a tough break in getting a bad cut in the first round with Tinker Picot of Dorchester. Irish Jimmy Sullivan, East Boston welter, lost to Gordon Perry, Providence, in a sixer. It was the first fight in three years for Jimmy who has been in the Army.

Worcester :—Curley Monroe, 138, Worcester, outpointed Al Duarte, 136, New Bedford, (10). Tommy Christian, 149, Fitchburg, outpointed Don Southern, 145, Newport, R. I., (6).

Hughie O'Rourke, 127, Worcester, outpointed Bobby West, 122, Providence, R. I., (6). Bobby Kilburn, 143, Worcester, outpointed Rocky Ramos, 142, New Bedford, (4). Ricky Polina, 128, Uxbridge, outpointed Al Hendrson, 128, Worcester, (4).

BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA
By Jack Levinson

THE Eastern All Navy quarter-finals tournament staged at the Municipal Auditorium in Norfolk, drew a capacity attendance of 3500 spectators. The "Navy Guide Trophy" was awarded to Lightweight Bobby Hopkins of the 5th Naval District. Hopkins hails from Cambridge, Ohio.

Results :

112 lbs.—Andrew Turner, 5th N. D., KO'ed Jimmy Thompson, PRNC, in two. 118 lbs.—Mike Berardi, 3rd N. D., TKO'd Rocky Kreiner, PRNC, in one. 126 lbs.—Gene Osburne, 1st N. D., KO'ed Bob Jack, PRNC, in one, 135 lbs.—Bobby Hopkins, 5th N. D., KO'ed Dale Grable, 9th N. D., in three. 142 lbs.—Ray Allen, PRNC, KO'ed Clarence Calloway, 6th N. D., in two. 147 lbs.—Warren Petterson, PRNC, TKO'ed Worley Farmer, 5th N. D., in one. 155 lbs.—Bob Plant, 6th N. D., KO'ed Dick Marshall, 5th, N. D., in two. 160 lbs.—Bob Epperson, 5th N. D., won dec. over Sam Chaffin, 6th, N. D. 175 lbs.—Dan Logan, 1st N. D., KO'ed Ted Moye, 6th N. D., in two. Heavy—Jake Solus, 6th N. D., KO'ed Carl Hutchinson, 5th N. D., in two.

Norfolk's Emmett Gurney, upon his graduation from the University of South Carolina, this June will enter the Army Air Force as a 2nd Lieutenant. The former 135 and 147 lb. amateur champion of Virginia will graduate with a B. A. degree in mathematics. Gurney is now boxing professionally under the guidance of Jess Alderman, Columbia, S. C. fight mentor.

RING NEWS FROM FAR-OFF NEW ZEALAND
By Brian F. O'Brien

EVER since the arrival of the sensational Kitione Lave, New Zealand fight fans have been well aware of the existence of the islands of Tonga, in the Friendly Group. This dynamic heavyweight, though bereft of boxing skills, punched his way to victory over the best of New Zealand's big men, as well as a few importations. Not until Australian titleholder Ken Brady got behind a long straight left and used ringcraft to outscore the Tongan Torpedo was Lave's progress arrested.

Following this defeat, Lave accepted an offer from Australia, folded up his tent and said goodbye to New Zealand. But New Zealanders were not given time to forget his native Tonga, for only a matter of weeks later there arrived one Johnny Halafehi, Tongan light-heavyweight champion. Quickly scenting a miniature Lave, the Auckland Boxing Association matched with a nonentity from Sydney, Lex Maxton, and the newcomer put Maxton over in two rounds. Unlike Lave, his predecessor, however, Halafehi revealed a competent approach to boxing technique, and did not rely solely on punching power. He virtually jabbed Maxton's head from his shoulders in round one, and in close hooked away in great style. Down twice in round two, Maxton was defenseless when referee Eric Armishaw crowned the Tongan to the accompaniment of a vociferous display of enthusiasm by the Tongan and Samoan element in the crowd.

On the same bill, yet another of these beautifully proportioned Pacific islanders in George Naufahu had stopped Sandy Assogna, and Italian-Australian, in round five. Naufahu, however, grinned his way through this dismal affair, moving in with wild swings in search of the king-hit, while Assogna, over a stone lighter, retreated fast and furiously behind an ineffective left jab.

With New Zealand and British Empire welterweight champion, Barry Brown, now in Australia and, following his defeat by world-rated Freddie Dawson, unlikely to fight more than one further bout before retirement, fans have turned to Ulf Christenson as the new welterweight favorite. Christenson is a Dane who has lived in Wellington for two years, and following a defeat in his first professional outing, has run up seven consecutive victories.

It is not likely that the 20-year-old Christenson will ever be another Barry Brown, but there is nothing to prevent him rolling up an even longer winning sequence against the mediocre 147 lb. talent now on show in this country and in Australia.

The Danish boy's most recent victims have been Pacific Islander Jackie Stewart, who was stopped in four rounds after two winning fights in his new domicile, Auckland, Tom King, a preliminary boy from Melbourne, Australia, likewise brought down in four sessions, and Charlie Smith, whose first comeback fight ran onto the Christenson rocks in five rounds.

A leading Australian middleweight, Graham Higham opened his New Zealand program in likely fashion when he outclassed Irishman Eddie Clancey at Dunedin. On top throughout, the beetle-browed farmer from Queensland peppered Clancey with an unending succession of rangy left leads and fast right crosses to the head. The whole show reminded one too much of a professional vs. amateur contest; all Clancey's gameness could not keep him on his feet continually against Higham's shrewdly directed punching. There were two knockdowns—one in the third round, one in the fourth. Soon after Clancey got to his feet on the latter occasion, referee Bunting called it a night for him.

New Zealand's best big man Chub Keith, despite his assertion that he would leave heavyweights severely alone in future—Keith scales under the light-heavy limit—got right in amongst the tall timber by outpointing the Australian heavyweight champion, Ken Brady, at Auckland, and then knocking out another Aussie visitor, Norm Harvey, in three rounds at Petone. In each case, Keith was outweighed by the best part of 20 lbs. Although still only 22, Keith has improved out of all sight since that day back in 1952 when, as a novice of less than 10 fights, he went 14 rounds with the late, great Dave Sands. Keith's connections have challenged Randolph Turpin for the Englishman's Empire light-heavyweight title. Auckland will seek the bout next summer.

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NEWS FROM BRAZIL
By Dr. Izargot

PAO PAULO, BRAZIL—Vicente dos Santos won over Jorge Matuk in ten rounds. In a good semi-final of eight rounds, Nelson de Oliveira, Brazil, beat Luiz Rodrigues, Uruguay.

Edson Tomas, São Paulo, beat Durval Ribeiro, Minas, in six rounds. Vicente P. Duarte, Paulista, outpointed Sebastião Raimundo, in 6. Claude da Silva decisioned Luiz Gonzaga Alves, in four rounds. Cicilio Alem outboxed Jaime Fontes, in four rounds.

PACAEMBU—Nelson de Andrade, Brazil, kayoed Felipe Suarez, Uruguay, in the 3rd round. The Brazilian had the bout all the way. Antonio Brandão beat Alexandre Dib in eight hard fought rounds.

Claudio Silva was defeated by Josè Santos in six rounds. Vicente Monente won over Romano das Neves in 6 rounds. Mirtez Vaz decisioned Marcilino dos Santos in six rounds. Benedito Basilio and Josè O. Assumpcão drew in 4 rounds. Emilio Bueno outpointed Sergio Crespi in four rounds.

FROM BUENOS AIRES
By Alfredo Porzio

BAHIA BLANCA :—Rafael Merentino, 160, knocked out Aurelio Travo, 170, in 3.

Mar del Plata :—Dante Nolasco, 160, drew in ten with Enrique Carreño, 170.

Luna Park :—Pedro Miranda, 122, kayoed Francisco González in 5.

Mar del Plata :—Dante Nolasco, 159, kayoed Elpidio González, 165, in 2.

Ebro Stadium :—Ricardo Gonzalito, 127, knocked out Blas Conde in 4.

Lomas Park :—Manuel Alvarez, 120, outpointed Ramón Stronatti, 122.

Tucamán City :—Juan Roldán, 147, knocked out Ramón Gómez, 150.

Tandil City :—The champ, Pacual Perez, 108, kayoed Oliden Rojas.

Luna Park :—Luis Penedo, 145, knocked Agustín Villafañe, 137, out in 9.

Luna Park :—Luis Maffei, 133, kayoed Gabriel Pons, 133, in 9.

San Juan City :—Muguel Rodríguez, 168, outpointed Dante Pereyra, 168.

Mendoza City :—Angel Olivieri, 135, drew with Osvaldo Paredes, 133.

Luna Park :—José M. Gatica kayoed Silverio de la Fuente, 140, in 4.

Mar del Plata :—Oscar Schiavelli, 150, kayoed Néstor Rizetti, 150, in 4.

Bristol Stadium :—Dante Nolasco, 158, kayoed Tito Yanni in three.

Lomas Park :—Rogelio Andrés, 133, kayoed Eutimio Monzón, 135, in 4.

Norte Stadium :—Aquiles Gregorutti, 160, drew with Santos González, 158.

Chaco City :—Héctor Martinez, 160, knocked out Carlos Andrade, 160, in 7.

Luna Park :—Juan Campos, 133, was stopped by Néstor Savino, 137, in 9.

Paraná City :—Eladio Herrera, 160, lost to Miguel González, 162.

Luna Park :—Pascual Pérez, 110, kayoed Nicolás Paez, 115.

Luna Park :—Luis Maffei, 133, kayoed Teodoro Armani, 136, in 6.

Santa Fé City :—Américo Bonetti, 135, outpointed Gerardo Pino, 135.

Lomas Park :—Rogelio André, 135, kayoed Eugenio Valle, 135, in 3.

Lomas Park :—Francisco Galvano, 115, kayoed J. M. Cifuentes, 120, in 3.

Mendoza City :—Rafael Merentino, 160, drew with Dante Pereyra, 151, in 10.

Mar del Plata :—José E. Fernández, 128, outpointed Alfredo Ramírez, 127.

Bristol Stadium :—Oscar Paéz, 144, kayoed Manuel Martinez, 145, and Alcides Cliso drew with Teófilo Paéz, 158, in 10.

Santa Fé City :—Atilio Caraune, Argentine champ, 170, kayoed Rafael Collado, 165, in the second.

San Pedro :—The champ, Rinaldo Ansaloni, 190, kayoed José Flores, 195, in 7.

Bristol Satadium :—Antonio Cuevas, 160, outpointed Ubaldo Pereyra, 165.

San Francisco City :—The champ, Atilio Caraune, 172, knocked out Francisco Negrone, 182, in 5.

Bariloche City :—José Santiago, 165, won easily over José Gómez, 164.

Lomas Park :—Adalberto Ochoa, 165, won by decision over José Alvarez, 148.

San Juan City :—Miguel Rodríguez, 160, kayoed Oscar Caballero, 160, in 2.

Luna Park :—Julio Campos, 141, stopped Hugo Villa, 137, in 6.

San Rafael City :—Atilio Caraune, 174, decisioned Elpidio González, 170.

Lomas Park :—Rogelio André, 136, got defeated by Hugo Benítez, 144.

Bahia Blanca City :—Dante Nolasco, 162, won by no contest against Ubaldo Pereyra in the 10th round.

Luna Park :—The champ, Oscar Pita, 148, won over Oscar Flores, 146, by no contest in the 6th.

Luna Park :—The champ, Pascual Pérez, 110, defeated Pablo Sosa, 128, by K.O.T. in the second and Marcelo Quiroga, 115, outpointed Francisco Galvano.

Lomas Park :—Mertín Pérez, 144, won by K.O. in the third over Ernesto de Luca, 142.

Luna Park :—The champ, Cucusa Bruno, 127, stopped Sapito López, 127, in the 6th.

Necochea City :—Oscar Acefe, 146, stopped René Pereyra, 145, in the 8th.

Luna Park :—Néstor Sabino, 155, outpointed Rafael Azoaga, 134, in 12.

Resistencia City :—The champ, Reynaldo Ansalone, 185, knocked out Américo Capitanelli in 2.

Lomas Park Stadium :—Ricardo Gonzalito, 128, easily outpointed Eliseo Escalada, 132.

San Juan City :—Miguelito Rodriguez, 160, outpointed Ubaldo Pereyra, 165, in 10.

Mendoza City :—Raúl Vargas, 127, outpointed Cucusa Bruno, 128.

San Nicolás :—The ex-Olympic champion, Eladio Herrera, 162, stopped José Correa, 160, in the 3rd.

Luna Park :—The "Rompehuesos," Rafael Merentino, 160, kayoed Juan Oviedo, 161, in the third.

NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA
By Ray Mitchell

THE greatest fight seen in Sydney for three years took place when the world bantam champion, Jimmy Carruthers met the Australian bantam champion, Bobby Sinn. It was a 12-round affair and while everyone knew that Bobby would make it a fight few expected it to be as hot as it was. With nothing to lose, Bobby walked in and threw everything; he made the champion fight all the way and gave Jimmy the hardest fight of his career. Bobby won the ninth round if he won any and two more were drawn, but Carruthers won the rest. I had the score 33½ to 25, but the points score and the rounds score did not convey a true indication of the fight. Carruthers won it convincingly.

Shades of Willie Richie losing his world title to Freddie Welsh by one point! Pat Ford lost his Empire title to Ivor Germaine at Melbourne in a decision so close that the crowd hooted. The referee said that he had them even at the end of the 13th and that the last two rounds decided the issue.

George Barnes, our welter champion, has split with his manager, Ern McQuillan, owing to differences of opinion about whom George will fight.

Marshall Clayton, of America, is being kept busy. He is a popular fighter, notwithstanding four losses in his eight fights in Australia. He is tough and he gives action. In Melbourne this month he reversed one defeat by stopping Augustin Argotte in 6 rounds, but the Spaniard was halted only because he hurt his arm. A few days later Clayton stopped fellow American Carl Coates, a lightweight who gave away 7 pounds to Clayton. The fight was tame and rather one-sided. Referee Vic Patrick called a halt in the 12th round when Coates was taking punishment.

In Brisbane, the Australian heavyweight champion, Ken Brady, was successful in a title defense against Cec Meredith by an eight-round K.O. Brady defended his title against Meredith last year and halted his contender in the 4th round.

Allen Williams beat Rudy Crivac at Sydney Stadium by points decision, then he fought Kitione Lave at Leichhardt. Lave is the Tongan who created a sensation in New Zealand, winning all his fights there by K.O. with the exception of his last, which resulted in Ken Brady outpointing Lave. Yet Lave had no trouble with Williams and halted Allen in the eighth round. Williams was sent to the floor for the first time in his career and was no match for the Tongan.

Col Clarke, lightweight sensation, had his 15th K.O. success in 15 fights when he knocked out Russell Sands in the 10th round at Sydney Stadium. When the end came Sands was a long way in front of his slower-moving opponent. Never before has Russell, a blown-up feather, displayed such boxing ability. However, Clarke caught up with him in the tenth and Sands took the full count.

Bill Larrigo is training hard these days and it is paying dividends. In Melbourne he stopped tough Bobby Greville in four rounds.

Broken Hill is putting on some good promotions and paying good money for good fights. Since the Broken Hill Stadiums syndicate of four took over last year there has been only one weak fight and a couple of mediocre ones. All the rest have been outstanding. Allen Cartwright, a lightweight from Sydney, fought a classic draw with local boy, Stan Dee and both showed signs of wear and tear at the finish, so much so that Dee has announced that he has finished with the fight game. Ken Wenman fought twice this month at Broken Hill. He halted Johnny Wheeler in six rounds of a featherweight fight. Wheeler suffered an eye cut which necessitated the stopping of the fight. The following week, Barry Hatcher, fast southpaw featherweight, proved to be too speedy for Wenman and was comfortably in front on points when the referee stopped the fight in the 11th round because Ken had a damaged eye. So Hatcher won by a knockout, which places him high in the Australian featherweight ladder.

In Brisbane, Peter Roeton, a recently promoted prelim boy, met Casey Conway for the vacant Queensland featherweight title. Roeton won my K.O. in 10. Supporting fight to that was a 12-rounder between Alan Ritchie and Harry O'Sullivan, both feathers. The clever O'Sullivan was all over Ritchie like a rash and with 35 seconds of the last round remaining, it was a case of "shut the gate". Then Ritchie did an "Elley Bennett", by knocking out O'Sullivan in those final seconds.

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YOU wouldn't believe it, but I myself used to be a 97-lb. weakling. Fellows called me "Skinny." Girls snickered and made fun of me behind my back. I was a flop. THEN I discovered my marvelous new muscle-building system —"*Dynamic Tension.*" And it turned me into such a *complete* specimen of MANHOOD that today I hold the title "The WORLD'S MOST PERFECTLY DEVELOPED MAN."

ARE YOU

Skinny and run down?

Always tired? Nervous?

Lacking in Confidence?

Constipated?

Suffering from bad breath?

WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT

is told in my free book!

What Is "Dynamic Tension"? How Does It Work?

When you look in the mirror and see a healthy, husky, strapping fellow smiling back at you — then you'll realize how fast "*Dynamic Tension*" GETS RESULTS!

"*Dynamic Tension*" is the easy, NATURAL method you can practice in the privacy of your own room—JUST 15 MINUTES EACH DAY—while your scrawny chest and shoulder muscles begin to swell, ripple . . . those spindly arms and legs of yours bulge . . . and your whole body starts to feel "alive," full of zip and go!

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This is the Atlas Champion Cup won by Thomas Manfre, one of Charles Atlas' pupils, shown at right.

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